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**Guide to new legislators
of the 88th General
Assembly**

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New Legislators

STATE HOUSE

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR	BIOGRAPHY	PHOTO
CITY OF RESIDENCE	COUNTY		
HD5	Thomas Jeneary (R) Le Mars Plymouth County	<p>Tom Jeneary worked as a funeral director for a number of years before going to dental school and practicing as a dentist for over 30 years. Jeneary is a Mason, avid fly fisherman, and pheasant hunter. He and his wife have two sons and four grandchildren.</p>	
HD9	Ann Meyer (R) Ft. Dodge Webster County	<p>Ann Meyer is originally from Michigan. She is a clinical nurse instructor at Iowa Central Community College. Meyer and her husband have one son.</p>	
HD20	Ray "Bubba" Sorensen (R) Greenfield Adair County	<p>Ray Sorensen (Bubba) is a graphic designer. He and his wife own a photography and mural painting business. Sorensen paints Freedom Rocks. He is a member of Farm Bureau, the NRA, and has two children.</p>	
HD28	Jon Thorup (R) Knoxville Marion County	<p>Jon Thorup is a State Trooper and previously worked in the State Fire Marshall's office.</p>	
HD30	Brian Lohse (R) Bondurant Polk County	<p>Brian Lohse is an attorney and small business owner who served eight years on the Bondurant City Council. He and his wife are on the Haiti Missions Team at their church and have three children. In 2014, Brian and his wife, Mary, won \$202M Powerball.</p>	

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HD38	Heather Matson (D) Ankeny Polk County	<p>Heather Matson has spent the last 19 years working and volunteering in public policy, advocacy, and development. She and her husband have twins.</p>	
HD39	Karin Derry (D) Johnston Polk County	<p>Karin Derry is an attorney and has served her community as a volunteer on the Primary Health Care Board of Directors, Iowa Dependent Adult Protective Advisory Council, Central Iowa AIDS Project Board, and at St. James Lutheran Church in Johnston. Derry and her husband have three children.</p>	
HD42	Kristin Sunde (D) West Des Moines Polk County	<p>Kristin Sunde owns a financial advisory business with her husband Matt. Sunde spent many years as a volunteer for the Arthritis Foundation. She and her husband have one son and were foster parents for several years.</p>	
HD43	Jennifer Konfrst (D) Windsor Heights Polk County	<p>Jennifer Konfrst is an Assistant Professor in Drake University's School of Journalism and also runs her own small business. She spent 12 years in communications at Iowa Public Television. Konfrst and her husband Lee have two children. (Her father is former AP politics reporter Mike Glover)</p>	
HD44	Kenan Judge (D) Waukee Dallas County	<p>Kenan Judge started working as a butcher at HyVee in Muscatine after high school. Through hard work and dedication, he rose to the top ranks of the company, serving as Group Vice President of Meat, Seafood and Deli. Judge organizes the Iowa Homeless Youth Center's annual tea. He and his wife have four daughters.</p>	

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HD47	Phil Thompson (R) Jefferson Greene County	<p>Phil Thompson is an Army veteran who served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He studied at West Point and came back to Jefferson and joined the Iowa National Guard. He was a field representative for the NRA in Iowa and clerked for Rep. Dawn Pettengill for two sessions.</p>	
HD56	Anne Osmundson (R) Volga Clayton County	<p>Anne Osmundson is a life-long resident of Clayton County and is the bookkeeper for her family farm. She is on the Clayton County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Judiciary Magistrate Appointing Commission. She was Rep. Kristi Hager's clerk for two years and was nominated at convention. Osmundson and her husband have seven kids.</p>	
HD60	Dave Williams (D) Cedar Falls Blackhawk County	<p>Dave Williams was an engineer at John Deere and held a number of managerial positions spanning 36 years. He was also an adjunct professor at the UNI's College of Business Administration. He chaired the Cedar Falls Utilities Board of Trustees and Historic Preservation Commission, and served on the Board of Education. Williams enjoys outdoor recreation, historic preservation, and sport touring on his motorcycle.</p>	
HD68	Molly Donahue (D) Cedar Rapids Linn County	<p>Molly Donahue has been a teacher at Washington High School for 27 years, the same school where she graduated.</p>	
HD70	Tracy Ehlert (D) Cedar Rapids Linn County	<p>Tracy Ehlert is an early childhood educator and advocate. She is a volunteer with Save the Children Action Network and is a member of ASFCME. Tracy and her husband have two sons and three rescue dogs.</p>	

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HD75	Thomas Gerhold (R) Atkins Benton County	<p>Tom Gerhold works as a Research Associate in the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He grew up on his family farm. He and his wife ride RAGBRAI.</p>	
HD79	Dustin Hite (R) New Sharon Mahaska County	<p>Dustin Hite was the Mayor of New Sharon and former President of the Mahaska County United Way. He serves on the Iowa Judicial District 8A Judicial Nominating Commission, the county Magistrate Nominating Commission, the County 911 Board, and the County Emergency Management Commission. Hite and his wife have two young daughters.</p>	
HD80	Holly Brink (R) Oskaloosa Mahaska County	<p>Holly Brink works as an insurance representative for Aflac and helps on her family's farm. She and her husband have three children and she volunteers at their school, Oskaloosa Christian.</p>	
HD82	Jeff Shipley (R) Fairfield Jefferson County	<p>Jeff Shipley is a legal assistant at a law office in Fairfield. While a student at the University of Iowa, he was the liaison to the City Council and was recognized for being a conservative activist. Jeff worked for Mid-America Right to Work Committee and was a sales representative for Simple Ray.</p>	
HD83	Jeff Kurtz (D) Ft. Madison Lee County	<p>Jeff Kurtz is a retired BNSF engineer and member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET), part of the Teamster Rail Conference. Jeff held multiple positions within the union, including serving as President of BLET Local 391 for eight years and as Iowa State Legislative Board Chairman. Jeff and his wife have three children and four grandchildren.</p>	

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HD84	Joe Mitchell (R) Wayland Henry County	<p>Joe Mitchell is a senior at Drake University. While at Drake, he has worked at the Capitol for the last four legislative sessions. He also interned for a multi-client lobbying firm. He is an avid trap shooter, fisherman, and golfer. He will be the youngest member at 21 years of age.</p>	
HD99	Lindsay James (D) Dubuque Dubuque County	<p>Lindsay James is the founding Director of the Loras College Peace Institute, chair of the Community Development Advisory Board, elected county official, and board member for the NAACP and the Children of Abraham. She and her husband have two children.</p>	

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SD1	Zach Whiting (R) Spirit Lake Dickinson County	<p>Zach Whiting is a licensed attorney and serves as a Policy Advisor to U.S. Representative Steve King. Whiting also was on King's staff in DC. He and his wife, Juliana, have one son.</p>	
SD7	Jackie Smith (D) Sioux City Woodbury County	<p>Jackie Smith served eight years as a Woodbury County Supervisor. A retired speech pathologist, Smith has 34 years of experience as an educator, including a stint with Northwest Area Education Agency. She is married to Dennis Smith. They previously owned and operated a small clothing business for 15 years.</p>	
SD15	Zach Nunn (R) Bondurant Polk County	<p>Zach Nunn served two terms in the Iowa House and lives in Bondurant. Nunn is a combat veteran in the U.S. Air Force and is now an active member of the Iowa National Guard. He and his wife Kelly have four young children.</p>	
SD21	Claire Celsi (D) West Des Moines Polk County	<p>Claire Celsi is a public education advocate and central Iowa organizer for Iowans for Public Education. Celsi is a dedicated volunteer in the community and small business owner. She is a mother of four and a grandmother.</p>	
SD25	Annette Sweeney (R) Alden Hardin County	<p>Annette Sweeney is a former member of the Iowa House and was the chair of the House Ag Committee. Sweeney and her husband farm near Alden.</p>	

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SD29	Carrie Koelker (R) Dyersville Dubuque County	Carrie Koelker is the Executive Director of the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association and was the former Tourism Marketing Manager for the Dubuque Chamber. Koelker and her husband have four children.	
SD35	Todd Taylor (D) Cedar Rapids Linn County	Todd Taylor served 12 terms in the Iowa House. Taylor has spent the last 25 years as an AFSCME union representative. A Cedar Rapids native, he and his wife have two children and are members of the Community of Christ.	
SD37	Zach Wahls (D) Iowa City Johnson County	Zach Wahls is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and an advocate for LGBTQ rights. His testimony before the Iowa House Judiciary Committee about growing up with gay parents was YouTube's most-watched political video of 2011. He is the author of the bestselling book <i>My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength and What Makes a Family</i> .	
SD41	Mariannette Miller-Meeks (D) Ottumwa Wapello County	Mariannette Miller-Meeks began her career as a nurse in the Army, earned an MD and became an ophthalmologist, teaching at the University of Michigan and University of Iowa before moving to private practice. She retired from the Army Reserves as a Lt. Colonel. She ran for Congress in '08, '10, and '14. She and her husband have two children.	
SD49	Chris Cournoyer (R) LeClaire Scott County	Chris Cournoyer owns a website design and development business. She is President of the Pleasant Valley School Board and was appointed to the Southeast Iowa STEM Board. Cournoyer is also a Reserve Sheriff's Deputy. She and her husband have four children.	

