

**African-American Members of the Tennessee General Assembly
1873—2016**

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| Representative Sampson W. Keeble | (R-Davidson) | 1873-1874 |
| Representative John W. Boyd | (R-Tipton) | 1881-1884 |
| Representative Thomas A. Sykes | (R-Davidson) | 1881-1882 |
| Representative Thomas F. Cassels | (R-Shelby) | 1881-1882 |
| Representative Isham F. Norris | (R-Shelby) | 1881-1882 |
| Representative Samuel A. McElwee | (R-Haywood) | 1883-1888 |
| Representative David F. Rivers | (R-Fayette) | 1883-1884 |
| Representative Leonard Howard | (R-Shelby) | 1883-1884 |
| Representative Greene E. Evans | (R-Shelby) | 1885-1886 |
| Representative William A. Fields | (R-Shelby) | 1885-1886 |
| Representative William C. Hodge | (R-Hamilton) | 1885-1886 |
| Representative Styles L. Hutchins | (R-Hamilton) | 1887-1888 |
| Representative Monroe W. Gooden | (D-Fayette) | 1887-1888 |
| Representative A. W. Willis, Jr. | (D-Shelby) | 1965-1968 |
| Representative J. O. Patterson, Jr. | (D-Shelby) | 1967-1968 |
| Representative Dorothy Lavinia Brown | (D-Davidson) | 1967-1968 |
| Representative R. B. Sugarman, Jr. | (D-Shelby) | 1967-1968 |
| Representative M.G. Blakemore | (D-Davidson) | 1967-1970 |
| Representative Harold Love | (D-Davidson) | 1969-1994 |
| Representative Alvin King | (D-Shelby) | 1969-1992 |
| Senator J. O. Patterson Jr. | (D-Shelby) | 1969-1974 |
| Senator Avon Williams, Jr. | (D-Davidson) | 1969-1990 |
| Representative Ira Murphy | (D-Shelby) | 1969-1982 |
| Representative Robert Booker | (D-Knox) | 1969-1972 |
| Representative James I. Taylor | (D-Shelby) | 1969-1970 |
| Representative Charles Pruitt | (D-Shelby) | 1971-1984 |
| Representative Harold Ford | (D-Shelby) | 1971-1974 |
| Representative Lois DeBerry | (D-Shelby) | 1973-2013 |
| Representative Harper Brewer | (D-Shelby) | 1973-1986 |
| Senator John Ford | (D-Shelby) | 1975- 2006 |
| Representative C.B. Robinson | (D-Hamilton) | 1975-1992 |
| Representative Teddy Withers | (D-Shelby) | 1975-1984 |
| Representative Emmitt Ford | (D-Shelby) | 1975-1980 |
| Senator Ed Davis | (D-Shelby) | 1979-1994 |
| Representative Rufus E. Jones | (D-Shelby) | 1981-1996 |
| Representative Roscoe Dixon | (D-Shelby) | 1983-1994 |
| Senator Roscoe Dixon | (D-Shelby) | 1995-2005 |
| Representative Charles Drew | (R-Knox) | 1983-1988 |
| Representative Mary Pruitt | (D-Davidson) | 1985-2012 |
| Representative Larry Turner | (D-Shelby) | 1985-2009 |
| Representative Ulysses Jones Jr. | (D-Shelby) | 1987-2010 |
| Representative Joe Armstrong | (D-Knox) | 1989-Present |
| Senator Thelma Harper | (D-Davidson) | 1991-Present |
| Representative Tommie F. Brown | (D-Hamilton) | 1993-2012 |
| Representative Henri E. Brooks | (D-Shelby) | 1993-2006 |
| Representative Bretran Thompson | (D-Shelby) | 1993-1994 |
| Representative Larry Miller | (D-Shelby) | 1993-Present |
| Representative Kathryn I. Bowers | (D-Shelby) | 1995- 2005 |
| Representative Edith Taylor Langster | (D-Davidson) | 1995-2006 |
| Representative Joe Towns, Jr. | (D-Shelby) | 1995-Present |
| Representative John F. DeBerry, Jr. | (D-Shelby) | 1995-Present |
| Representative Barbara W. Cooper | (D-Shelby) | 1997-Present |

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| Representative Johnny Shaw | (D-Hardeman/Madison) | 2001-Present |
| Representative Nathan Vaughn | (D-Sullivan) | 2003-2008 |
| Senator Sidney Chism | (D-Shelby) | Feb-May 2005 |
| Senator Kathryn I. Bowers | (D-Shelby) | May 2005-2006 |
| Representative JoAnne H. Favors | (D-Hamilton) | 2005-Present |
| Representative Gary L. Rowe | (D-Shelby) | 2005- Jan 2008 |
| Representative Eddie Neal | (D-Shelby) | Jan-Mar 2007 |
| Senator Ophelia Ford | (D-Shelby) | 2007-2014 |
| Senator Reginald Tate | (D-Shelby) | 2007-Present |
| Representative Karen Camper | (D-Shelby) | 2007-Present |
| Representative Brenda Gilmore | (D-Davidson) | 2007-Present |
| Representative G. A. Hardaway | (D-Shelby) | Mar 2007-Present |
| Representative Johnnie R. Turner | (D-Shelby) | 2009-Present |
| Representative Antonio Parkinson | (D-Shelby) | 2011-Present |
| Representative Harold M. Love Jr. | (D-Davidson) | 2013-Present |
| Representative Raumesh Akbari | (D-Shelby) | 2013-Present |
| Senator Lee Harris | (D-Shelby) | 2015-Present |

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