

Worksheet to determine the percent of elected members who have never previously served in the Minnesota Legislature

Election Year: 1996

Start with the number of new legislators from the “Details” lists: 33

Names:

Senate:

Leo Foley (49)
Linda Higgins (58)
Dave Johnson (40)
Steve Kelley (44)
Becky Lourey (8)
Claire Robling (35)
Linda Scheid (47)
David J. Ten Eyck (4)
Charles Wiger (55)

House:

Len Biernat (59A)
Satveer Chaudhary (52A)
Geri Evans (52B)
Betty Folliard (44A)
Bill Hilty (8B)
Ruth Johnson (24B)
Al Juhnke (15A)
Tony Kielkucki (20B)
Luanne Koskinen (49B)
Gary W. Kubly (15B)
William Kuisle (31A)
Joe Mullery (58A)
Bud Nornes (10A)
Michael Paymer (64B)
Doug Reuter (28A)
Michelle Rifenberg (32B)
Kathleen Sekhon (50A)

Marty Siefert (21A)
Gail Skare (4A)
Nora Slawik (57A)
Doug Stang (14B)
Kathy Tingelstad (50B)
Robert L. (Bob) Westfall (9B)
Torrey Westrom (13A)

Subtract from that number the following:

Number of House members who served in the House before with a gap in service: 2

(Check to see if there is a gap in service on the list of House members by session. Only gaps between house terms, not between a senate and house term.)

Names:

Geri Evans
Kathleen Sekhon

Number of House members who served in the Senate before: 0

(Check to see if any of them are on the list of those who switched bodies: http://www.leg.state.mn.us/legdb/switch.aspx?w=s_to_h)

Names:

Number of Senate members who served in the Senate before with a gap in service: 0

(Check to see if there is a gap in service on the list of Senate members by session. Only gaps between senate terms, not between a house and a senate term)

Names:

Number of Senate members who served in the House before: 3

(Check to see if any of them are on the list of those who switched bodies: http://www.leg.state.mn.us/legdb/switch.aspx?w=h_to_s.)

Names:

Steve Kelley
Becky Lourey
Linda Scheid

Equals the number of new legislators who are truly new: 28

Divide the number by 201 and multiply by 100 to equal percentage: 13.9%