Following the retrocession of the Virginia portion of the District of Columbia in 1846, Arlington (known until 1920 as Alexandria County) was organized as a Virginia county in an Act of the General Assembly adopted March 13, 1847. It provided that the County should be represented in the General Assembly by one Delegate to be shared with Fairfax County. It was not until 1924 that Arlington became entitled to a Delegate of its own, although after 1871 the Delegate was shared only with the City of Alexandria.

At first, Arlington had no representation at all in the Senate. At the Session of 1849-50, it shared a Senator with the Counties of Loudoun and Fairfax. Beginning with the Session of 1852, Loudoun had different representation until 1869 when it again was joined with Alexandria and Fairfax. In 1871, Prince William County was added to the group sharing one Senator. Loudoun was again dropped in 1902 but it was not until 1944 that Arlington achieved the status of its own Senator.

The pace of population growth in Northern Virginia was reflected in the rapidity of the changes in representation which occurred in the '40's. Arlington got two Delegates in 1944, and in the reapportionment of 1952, three. The present number of four Delegates was assigned in 1962. The special reapportionment brought about by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in respect to "one man one vote" added a "floater" Senator to be shared with Fairfax County to the one who represents Arlington individually.

The list which follows of the names of those who have represented Arlington in the General Assembly as Delegate or Senator from 1847 to 1918 is taken from A Register of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1776-1918, and of the Constitutional Conventions by E. G. Swem and John W. Williams (Public Printer, Richmond, 1918). Beginning in 1908, the Acts of the General Assembly have included the names of the members of the General Assembly.

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1 cf. Harrison Mann: "Chronology of Action on the Part of the State of Virginia to Complete Retrocession of Alexandria County (Arlington County) to Virginia"; Arlington Historical Magazine, Vol. 1, No. 2. (1958)

2 Pertinent Acts of Assembly affecting Arlington's representation in the General Assembly are: Ch. 162/1870-71; Ch. 121/1877-78; Ch. 674 and Ch. 567/1901-02; Ch. 140 and Ch. 271/1922; Ch. 387/1942; and Ch. 17 and Ch. 18/1952X.
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### Delegates

- Edgar Snowden
- Francis L. Smith
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- William D. Massey
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- Louis McKenzie
- *More often given as Lewis.
- Lawrence B. Taylor
- Louis McKenzie
- Louis McKenzie
- William G. Cazeneuve
- Harold Snowden
- T. B. Robertson
- J. A. English
- G. L. Seaten
- R. Johnston
- S. Chapman Neale
- Allen Pearce
- J. C. O'Neal
- John B. Syphax
- George L. Simpson
- William H. Fowle*
- *Resigned; succeeded by M. D. Ball
- George A. Mushbach
- Alexander Hunter
- George A. Mushbach
- Charles E. Stuart
- Charles E. Stuart
- Charles E. Stuart
- Lawrence W. Corbett
- Frank Hume
- Charles Bendheim
- Charles Bendheim
- William H. May
- Louis C. Barley
- Frank Hume

### Senators

- None
- None
- Asa Rogers
- Henry W. Thomas
- Henry W. Thomas
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- Henry W. Thomas
- Henry W. Thomas
- William H. Dulaney
- Daniel F. Dulaney
- Thomas E. Taylor
- Henry W. Thomas
- Thomas E. Taylor
- Henry W. Thomas*
- *Elected to fill vacancy in Lt. Governorship; succeeded by Robert E. Withers
- Charles E. Sinclair
- Hierome O. Claughton**
- **Resigned; succeeded by William H. F. Lee
- William H. F. Lee
- Charles E. Sinclair
- Francis L. Smith
- Francis L. Smith
- Elisha E. Meredith
- Elisha E. Meredith
- R. Walton Moore
- R. Walton Moore
- George A. Mushbach
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- S. R. Donohoe

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*Between May 1861 and May 1865 dates of sessions are those of the General Assembly which met in Richmond, not of the restored government.

**Resigned; succeeded by William H. F. Lee
12/4/01-4/2/02; 7/15-7/28/02; 11/12/02-5/19/03; 11/10/03-1/12/04
1/13/04-3/15/04*

*Beginning in this year, under the new Constitution, biennial regular sessions began on the second Wednesday in January and continued for 90 days. Special sessions at different times and of varying length also occurred.

1906  James R. Caton
1908  James R. Caton
1910  Robinson Moncure
1912  Robinson Moncure
1914; 1915 extra  J. Fred Birrell
1916  J. Fred Birrell
1918; 1919 extra  William A. Smoot
1920  Charles T. Jesse
1922; 1923 extra  Charles H. Smith
1924  Charles T. Jesse
1926; 1927 extra  Charles T. Jesse
1928  Hugh Reid
1930  Hugh Reid
1932; 1933 extra  Hugh Reid
1934  William D. Medley
1936; 1936-7 extra  William D. Medley
1938  William D. Medley
1940  Charles R. Fenwick
1942  Charles R. Fenwick
1944; 1944-45 extra; 1945 extra  Charles R. Fenwick
1946; 1947 extra  J. Maynard Magruder
1948  George Damm
1950  J. Maynard Magruder
1952; 1952 extra  George Damm
1954; 1955 extra  J. Maynard Magruder
1956  C. Harrison Mann
1958  Kathryn Stone
1960  William L. Winston