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Among the able and successful lawyers of Covington, none is better or more favorably known than the Hon. John L. Cushing, the present representative from the sixty-fourth district in the Kentucky house of representatives. Both as lawyer and statesman, he has shown ability of the highest order and his record has gained for him marked prestige among his fellowmen. Mr. Cushing was born in Covington, Kentucky, on the 2d of January, 1893, and is the son of John J. and Emma (Hilbling) Cushing. His father, who is of Irish parentage, was born in Canada, whence he came to the United States in young manhood and learned the carpenter trade, which he has followed to the present time. The mother was of German parentage and her death occurred in Covington, in March, 1911.

John L. Cushing, who has been a lifelong resident of Covington, attended the parochial schools, and then entered St. Xavier high school, in Cincinnati, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915. He then entered the Cincinnati College of Law and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1918. He was at once admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession in Covington, forming a partnership with the late William A. Byrne, one of the leading lawyers of northern Kentucky. This relation was continued until the death of Mr. Byrne, in 1922, since which time Mr. Cushing has been alone in practice. Well grounded in the law, a forceful and effective speaker and a sound office adviser, he gained quick recognition and has gained a large and representative clientele.

Politically Mr. Cushing has always supported the democratic party and in 1923 was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature. In the session of 1924 he served on the following committees: County and city courts, of which he was chairman, constitutional amendments, criminal law, cities of second and third class, judiciary and State University. In 1925 he was reelected and in the session of 1926 served on the following committees: Second and third class cities, of which he was chairman, appropriations No. 1, circuit courts, Kentucky statutes, mines and mining and public utilities. He is a member of the Cathedral parish of the Roman Catholic church in Covington, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Cushing made an enviable record as a legislator, standing always staunchly for the interests of the people, and was effective in securing the passage of much needed legislation. He is a man of well-defined opinions, with the courage of his convictions, and is a man of influence and prominence in his spheres of activity. Of sterling character, he is generous in his support of all worthy benevolent causes and cooperates in all movements for the advancement of his city and county along material, civic or moral lines. He has therefore long commanded the unqualified respect of his fellowmen and is regarded as one of the representative citizens of his section of the state.
