

**Table 4.15**  
**THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, 2017**

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and party</i>	<i>Method of selection</i>	<i>Length of regular term in years</i>	<i>Date of first service</i>	<i>Present term ends</i>	<i>Number of previous terms</i>	<i>Maximum consecutive terms allowed by constitution</i>
Alabama.....	John Merrill (R)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	2
Alaska.....	.....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....	.....
Arizona.....	Michele Reagan (R)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	2
Arkansas.....	Mark Martin (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2019	1	2
California.....	Alex Padilla (D)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	2
Colorado.....	Wayne Williams (R)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	2
Connecticut.....	Denise Merrill (D)	E	4	1/2011	1/2019	1	...
Delaware.....	Jeffrey Bullock (D)	A (c)	4	1/2009	...	...	...
Florida.....	Kenneth Detzner (R) (e)	A	4	2/2012	...	(e)	2
Georgia.....	Brian Kemp (R)	E (d)	4	1/2010 (d)	1/2019	(d)	...
Hawaii.....	.....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	Lawrence Denney (R)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	...
Illinois.....	Jesse White (D)	E	4	1/1999	1/2019	4	...
Indiana.....	Connie Lawson (R) (f)	E	4	3/2012 (f)	1/2019	(f)	2
Iowa.....	Paul Pate (R)	E	4	12/2014	12/2018	...	...
Kansas.....	Kris Kobach (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2019	1	...
Kentucky.....	Alison Lundergan Grimes (D)	E	4	12/2011	12/2019	1	2
Louisiana.....	Tom Schedler (R)	E (g)	4	11/2010	1/2020	1	...
Maine.....	Matt Dunlap (D)	L	2	1/2005 (m)	1/2019	(m)	5 (h)
Maryland.....	John Wobensmith (R)	A	...	1/2015	...	...	...
Massachusetts.....	William Francis Galvin (D)	E	4	1/1995	1/2019	5	...
Michigan.....	Ruth Johnson (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2019	1	2
Minnesota.....	Steve Simon (DFL)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	...
Mississippi.....	C. Delbert Hosemann Jr.(R)	E	4	1/2008	1/2020	2	...
Missouri.....	Jay Ashcroft (R)	E	4	1/2017	1/2021	...	...
Montana.....	Corey Stapleton (R)	E	4	1/2017	1/2021	...	(i)
Nebraska.....	John Gale (R)	E	4	12/2000 (j)	1/2019	(j)	...
Nevada.....	Barbara Cegavske (R)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	2
New Hampshire.....	William Gardner (D)	L	2	12/1976	12/2018	20	...
New Jersey.....	.....	.....	.....	(a)(k)	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D)	E	4	12/2016 (p)	12/2018	...	2
New York.....	Rossanna Rosado (D)	A	...	6/2016	...	...	...
North Carolina.....	Elaine Marshall (D)	E	4	1/1997	1/2021	5	...
North Dakota.....	Alvin A. Jaeger (R)	E	4	1/1993	12/2018	5	...
Ohio.....	Jon Husted (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2019	1	2
Oklahoma.....	Dave Lopez (R)	A	4	1999 (n)	1/2021	(n)	...
Oregon.....	Dennis Richardson (R)	E	4	3/2017	1/2021	...	2
Pennsylvania.....	Pedro Cortés (D)	A	...	1/2003 (b)	...	(b)	...
Rhode Island.....	Nellie Gorbea (D)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	2
South Carolina.....	Mark Hammond (R)	E	4	1/2003	1/2019	3	...
South Dakota.....	Shantel Krebs (R)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	2
Tennessee.....	Tre Hargett (R)	L	4	1/2009	1/2021	2	...
Texas.....	Rolando Pablos (R)	A	...	1/2017	...	...	...
Utah.....	.....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....	.....
Vermont.....	Jim Condos (D)	E	2	1/2011	1/2019	3	...
Virginia.....	Kelly Thomasson (D)	A	...	4/2016 (o)	...	...	...
Washington.....	Kim Wyman (R)	E	4	1/2013	1/2021	1	...
West Virginia.....	Andrew "Mac" Warner (R)	E	4	1/2017	1/2021	...	...
Wisconsin.....	Douglas LaFollette (D)	E	4	1/1974 (l)	1/2019	10 (l)	...
Wyoming.....	Ed Murray (R)	E	4	1/2015	1/2019	...	...
American Samoa.....	.....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....	.....
Guam.....	.....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....	.....
No. Mariana Islands.....	.....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....	.....
Puerto Rico.....	Luis Rivera Marin (NPP)	A	...	1/2017	...	...	...
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	.....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....	.....

See footnotes at end of table.

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### THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, 2017—Continued

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*Source:* The Council of State Governments, February 2017.

*Key:*

E — Elected by voters.

A — Appointed by governor.

L — Elected by legislature.

... — No provision for.

(a) No secretary of state; lieutenant governor performs functions of this office. See Tables 4.12 through 4.14.

(b) Cortes served as secretary of the commonwealth from 2003 to 2010. He was appointed as secretary by Gov. Tom Wolf in January 2015.

(c) Appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

(d) Gov. Perdue appointed Brian Kemp on January 8, 2010, to replace Karen Handel after she resigned to run for the office of governor. Kemp was elected to a full term in the 2010 general election and re-elected in 2014.

(e) Detzner was appointed in February 2012. He served previously in 2003 as the office transitioned from an elected position to an appointed one.

(f) Lawson was appointed March 16, 2012, to fill the position left vacant when Charlie White was dismissed Feb. 4, 2012, after his conviction on felony charges. She was elected to a full term in 2014.

(g) Schedler was appointed and sworn in as secretary of state on Nov. 22, 2010, after Jay Dardenne was elected to serve as lieutenant governor.

(h) Statutory term limit of four consecutive two-year terms.

(i) Eligible for eight out of 16 years.

(j) Gale was appointed by Gov. Mike Johanns in December 2000 upon the resignation of Scott Moore. He was elected to full four-year terms in November 2002, 2006, 2010 and again in 2014.

(k) The secretary of state of New Jersey is an appointed position. Gov. Christie appointed Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno to serve as secretary of state for this term of office.

(l) LaFollette was first elected in 1974 and served a four-year term. He was elected again in 1982 and has been re-elected since. The present term ends in 2019.

(m) Secretary Matthew Dunlap previously served as Secretary of State from 2005 to 2010. He was elected by the Legislature to serve again in January 2013 and re-elected in January 2015.

(n) Hunter was first appointed to the office in 1999 and served until 2002. He was appointed to serve as secretary of state by Gov. Mary Fallin again on Nov. 1, 2016.

(o) Appointed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe after the resignation of Levar Stoney.

(p) Secretary Oliver was elected in Nov. 2016 to fill the remaining two years of the unexpired term of Diana Duran who had previously resigned.