

GOVERNORS

TABLE 4.7

The Governors: Provisions and Procedures for Transition

State or other jurisdiction	Provision for:							
	Legislation pertaining to gubernatorial transition	Appropriation available to gov-elect	Gov-elect's participation in state budget for coming fiscal year	Gov-elect to hire staff to assist during transition	State personnel to be made available to assist gov-elect	Office space in buildings to be made available to gov-elect	Acquainting gov-elect staff with office procedures and routing office functions	Transfer of information (files, records, etc.)
Alabama	★	●	●	●	●	●
Alaska	●	●	...	●	●	●	●	★
Arizona	★	...	●	●	●	●
Arkansas	●	10,000	...	...	...	...	...	...
California	★	450,000	★	★	★	★	●	●
Colorado	★	10,000	★	★	★	★	●	★
Connecticut	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Delaware	★	15,000	●	★	●	●	●	●
Florida	★	(b)	●	★	●	★	●	●
Georgia	★	50,000	●	★	★	★	●	★
Hawaii	★	50,000	★	★	●	★	●	●
Idaho	★	15,000	★	★	★	★	★	★
Illinois	★	●	★	★
Indiana	★	40,000	...	...	...	★	★	★
Iowa	●	100,000	★	●	●	●	●	★
Kansas	★	150,000 (c)	★	★	★	★	★	★
Kentucky	★	220,000	★	★	★	★	★	★
Louisiana	★	● 65,000	★	★	...	★	...	●
Maine	●	5,000	★	●	●	●	●	●
Maryland	★	●	...	★	★	★	★	★
Massachusetts	●	●	●	...	●	●	●	●
Michigan	●	\$1.5 million ● (v)	...	●	●	●	●	●
Minnesota	★	(e)	★	★	★	★	●	★
Mississippi	●	★ (f)	★	★	★	★	★	★
Missouri	★	100,000	★	★	●	★	●	● (g)
Montana	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	●
Nebraska	★	85,288	★	...	★	★	★	★
Nevada	★	Reasonable amount	★	★	...	★	...	★
New Hampshire	★	75,000	★	★	★	★	★	...
New Jersey	★	★ (j)	●	★	★	★	●	★
New Mexico	★	(k)	★	★	★	★	★	★
New York	★	★	★	★
North Carolina	★	★ (l)	...	★	●	★	★	★
North Dakota	●	10,000	(m)	(n)	●	...	●	★
Ohio	★	Unspecified (o)	●	★	●	...	●	●
Oklahoma	●	●	★	●	●	★	●	●
Oregon	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Pennsylvania	★	●	●	●	...
Rhode Island	★	(u)	●	★	★	★	●	●
South Carolina	...	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
South Dakota	★
Tennessee	★	★	●	★	★	★	●	● (u)
Texas	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Utah	★	★ (p)	●	★	★	★	★	★
Vermont	●	★ (q)	★	...	★	...	...	...
Virginia	★	★ (h)	★	★	★	★	★	★
Washington	★	★	●	★	●	★	●	●
West Virginia	...	●	...	●	...	●	●	●
Wisconsin	★	Unspecified	★	★	★	★	★	★
Wyoming	●	●	●	●	●	●
American Samoa	...	Unspecified	★ (i)	★	●	●	★	●
Guam	★	(t)	...	...	★	★	★	...
CNMI*	★	Unspecified	...	★	★	★	★	★
Puerto Rico	★	...	★	★	★	★	★	★
U.S. Virgin Islands	★	100,000	...	★	★	★	★	★

See footnotes at end of table

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Sources: The Council of State Governments' survey of governors' offices, September 2017.

* Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Key:

...—No provisions or procedures.

★—Formal provisions or procedures.

●—No formal provisions, occurs informally.

N.A.—Not applicable.

(a) Varies.

(b) Section 14.057, Florida Statute provides: Governor-elect; establishment of operating fund.—(1) There is established an operating fund for the use of the Governor-elect during the period dating from the certification of his or her election by the Elections Canvassing Commission to his or her inauguration as Governor. The Governor-elect during this period may allocate the fund to travel, expenses, his or her salary, and the salaries of the Governor-elect's staff as he or she determines. Such staff may include, but not be limited to, a chief administrative assistant, a legal adviser, a fiscal expert, and a public relations and information adviser. The salary of the Governor-elect and each member of the Governor-elect's staff during this period shall be determined by the Governor-elect, except that the total expenditures chargeable to the state under this section, including salaries, shall not exceed the amount appropriated to the operating fund. The Executive Office of the Governor shall supply to the Governor-elect suitable forms to provide for the expenditure of the fund and suitable forms to provide for the reporting of all expenditures therefrom. The Chief Financial Officer shall release moneys from this fund upon the request of the Governor-elect properly filed.

(c) Transition funds are used by both the incoming and outgoing administrations.

(d) Amount to be determined.

(e) 1.5% of amount appropriated for the fiscal year to the Governor's office.

(f) Miss. Code Ann. § 7-1-101 provides as follows: the governor's office of general services shall provide a governor-elect with office space and office equipment for the period between the election and inauguration. A special appropriation to the governor's office of general services is hereby authorized to defray the expenses of providing necessary staff employees and for the operation of the office of governor-elect during the period between the election and inauguration. The department of finance and administration shall make available to a governor-elect and his designated representatives information on the following: (a) all information and reports used in the preparation of the budget report; and (b) all information and reports on projected income and revenue estimates for the state.

(g) Activity is traditional and routine, although there is no specific statutory provision.

(h) Determined every 4 years.

(i) Can submit reprogramming or supplemental appropriation measure for current fiscal year.

(j) No specific amount—necessary services and facilities.

(k) Legislature required to make appropriation; no dollar amount stated in legislation.

(l) Governor receives \$80,000 and lieutenant governor receives \$10,000.

(m) Responsible for submitting budget for coming biennium.

(n) Governor usually hires several incoming key staff during transition.

(o) Determined in budget.

(p) Appropriated by legislature at the time of transition.

(q) Governor-elect entitled to 70% of Governor's salary.

(t) Appropriations given upon the request of governor-elect.

(u) The governor's transition team was authorized \$130,000 for transition costs during the 2014–2015 transition. Approximately \$120,000 was spent.

(v) Typically the appropriation is included in the budget but may fluctuate in size.

(u) Subject to records retention and archival requirements.