

SECRETARIES OF STATE

**Table 4.15**  
**THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, 2011**

<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.....	Beth Chapman (R)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2
Alaska.....	.....(a).....						
Arizona.....	Ken Bennett (R)	E (b)	4	1/2009 (b)	1/2015	(b)	2
Arkansas.....	Mark Martin (R)	E	4	12/2010	12/2014	...	2
California.....	Debra Bowen (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2
Colorado.....	Scott Gessler (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2
Connecticut.....	Denise Merrill (D)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	...
Delaware.....	Jeffrey Bullock (D)	A (c)	...	1/2009	...	...	...
Florida.....	Kurt Browning (R)	A	...	12/2006	...	1	2
Georgia.....	Brian Kemp (R)	E (d)	4	1/2010 (d)	1/2015	(d)	...
Hawaii.....	.....(a).....						
Idaho.....	Ben Ysursa (R)	E	4	1/2003	1/2015	2	...
Illinois.....	Jesse White (D)	E	4	1/1999	1/2015	3	...
Indiana.....	Charlie White (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2
Iowa.....	Matt Schultz (R)	E	4	12/2010	12/2014	...	...
Kansas.....	Kris Kobach (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	...
Kentucky.....	Elaine Walker (D)	E (e)	4	1/2011 (e)	12/2011	...	2
Louisiana.....	Tom Schedler (R)	E (f)	4	11/2010	1/2012	...	...
Maine.....	Charles Summers (R)	L	2	1/2011	1/2013	...	4 (g)
Maryland.....	John P. McDonough (D)	A	...	6/2008	...	...	...
Massachusetts.....	William Francis Galvin (D)	E	4	1/1995	1/2015	4	...
Michigan.....	Ruth Johnson (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2
Minnesota.....	Mark Ritchie (DFL)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	...
Mississippi.....	C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr. (R)	E	4	1/2008	1/2012	...	...
Missouri.....	Robin Carnahan (D)	E	4	1/2005	1/2013	1	...
Montana.....	Linda McCulloch (D)	E	4	1/2009	1/2013	...	(i)
Nebraska.....	John Gale (R)	E	4	12/2000 (h)	1/2015	(h)	...
Nevada.....	Ross Miller (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2
New Hampshire.....	William Gardner (D)	L	2	12/1976	12/2012	17	...
New Jersey.....	.....(a)(j).....						
New Mexico.....	Dianna Duran (R)	E	4	12/2010	12/2014	...	2
New York.....	Ruth Noemí Colón (I) (m)	A	...	9/2010	...	...	...
North Carolina.....	Elaine Marshall (D)	E	4	1/1997	1/2013	2	...
North Dakota.....	Alvin A. Jaeger (R)	E	4 (k)	1/1993	12/2014	5	...
Ohio.....	Jon Husted (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2
Oklahoma.....	Glenn Coffee (R)	A	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	...
Oregon.....	Kate Brown (D)	E	4	1/2009	1/2013	...	2
Pennsylvania.....	Carol Aichele (R)	A	...	1/2011	...	...	...
Rhode Island.....	Ralph Mollis (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2
South Carolina.....	Mark Hammond (R)	E	4	1/2003	1/2015	2	...
South Dakota.....	Jason Gant (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2
Tennessee.....	Tre Hargett (R)	L	4	1/2009	1/2013	...	...
Texas.....	Esperanza Andrade (R)	A	...	7/2008	...	...	...
Utah.....	.....(a).....						
Vermont.....	Jim Condos (D)	E	2	1/2011	1/2013	...	...
Virginia.....	Janet Polarek (R)	A	...	1/2010	...	...	...
Washington.....	Sam Reed (R)	E	4	1/2001	1/2013	2	...
West Virginia.....	Natalie Tennant (D)	E	4	1/2009	1/2013	...	...
Wisconsin.....	Douglas La Follette (D)	E	4	1/1974 (l)	1/2015	8 (l)	...
Wyoming.....	Max Maxfield (R)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	...
American Samoa.....	.....(a).....						
Guam.....	.....(a).....						
No. Mariana Islands..	.....(a).....						
Puerto Rico.....	Kenneth McClintock (NPP)	A	...	1/2009	...	...	...
U.S. Virgin Islands....	.....(a).....						

See footnotes at end of table.

## THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, 2011 — Continued

Source: The Council of State Governments, April 2011.

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) Ken Bennett was appointed by Gov. Brewer in January 2009 to fill her term after she was sworn in as governor; replacing Janet Napolitano who became the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security. Bennett was elected to a full term in the 2010 general election.

(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.

(e) Gov. Beshear appointed Elaine Walker on January 7, 2011, to replace Trey Grayson after he resigned to become Director of the Institute of Politics within Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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

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

(h) Secretary 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 and 2010.

(i) Eligible for eight out of 16 years.

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

(k) Because of a constitutional change approved by voters in 2000, the term for the secretary elected in 2004 was for two years. It reverted to a four-year term in 2007.

(l) Secretary La Follette was first elected in 1974 and served a 4-year term. He was elected again in 1982 and has been re-elected since. The present term ends in 2011.

(m) Currently serving as acting secretary of state.