

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS: QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS

State or other jurisdiction	Minimum age	State citizen (years) (a)	U.S. citizen (years)	State resident (years)	Qualified voter (years)	Length of term (years)	Maximum consecutive terms allowed
Alabama	30	7	10	7	...	4	2
Alaska	30	7	7	7	★	4	2
Arizona	...	...	...	(b).	...	...	...
Arkansas	30	7	★	7	★	4	2
California	18	...	5	5	★	4	(c)
Colorado	30	...	★	2	...	4	2
Connecticut	30	...	...	...	★	4	...
Delaware	30	...	12	6	...	4	2
Florida	30	...	...	7	★	4	(c)
Georgia	30	6	15	6	★	4	...
Hawaii	30	...	★	5	★	4	2
Idaho	30	...	★	2	...	4	...
Illinois	25	...	★	★	...	4	...
Indiana	30	...	5	5	...	4	...
Iowa	30	...	2	2	...	4	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Kentucky	30	6	★	6	...	4	2
Louisiana	25	5	5	...	★	4	...
Maine	...	...	...	(b).	...	...	...
Maryland	30	...	(d)	5	5	4	2
Massachusetts	18	...	...	7	...	4	2
Michigan	30	...	...	...	4	4	2
Minnesota	25	★	★	1	...	4	2
Mississippi	30	...	20	5	...	«	2
Missouri	30	...	15	10	...	4	...
Montana	25	...	★	2	...	4	(e)
Nebraska	30	5	5	5	...	4	2
Nevada	25	2	...	2	★	4	...
New Hampshire	...	...	...	(b).	...	...	...
New Jersey	...	...	...	(b).	...	...	...
New Mexico	30	5	★	5	★	4	2
New York	30	5	★	5	...	4	...
North Carolina	30	...	5	2	...	4	2
North Dakota	30	...	★	5	★	4	...
Ohio	...	...	8	...	★	4	2
Oklahoma	31	...	★	...	10	4	...
Oregon	...	...	...	(b).	...	...	...
Pennsylvania	30	...	★	7	...	4	2
Rhode Island	18	...	★	★	★	4	2
South Carolina	30	5	5	5	...	4	2
South Dakota	...	...	2	2	...	4	2
Tennessee	...	...	...	(b).	...	...	...
Texas	30	...	★	5	...	4	...
Utah	30	5	...	5	★	4	3 (f)
Vermont	...	...	...	4	...	2	...
Virginia	30	...	★	5	5	4	...
Washington	18	★	★	★	★	4	★
West Virginia (g)	25	5	5	5	1	2	...
Wisconsin	18	...	★	...	★	4	...
Wyoming	...	...	...	(b).	...	...	...
American Samoa	35	...	★	5	...	4	...
Guam	30	...	5	5	★	4	2
No. Mariana Islands	35	...	...	10	★	4	...
Puerto Rico*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
U.S. Virgin Islands*	30	...	5	5	5	4	2

Sources: The Council of State Governments' Survey, January 2002 and state constitutions and statutes. Information noted by an * indicates information from *The Book of the States*, 2000-2001.

Note: This table includes constitutional and statutory qualifications.

Key:

★— Formal provision; number of years not specified.

...— No formal provision.

(a) Some state constitutions have requirements for "state citizenship." This may be different from state residency.

(b) No lieutenant governor. In Tennessee, the speaker of the Senate, elected from Senate membership, has statutory title of "lieutenant governor."

(c) Eligible for eight consecutive years.

(d) *Crosse v. Board of Supervisors of Elections* 243 Md. 555, 221 A.2d431 (1966)—opinion rendered indicated that U.S. citizenship was, by necessity, a requirement for office.

(e) Eligible for eight out of 16 years.

(f) Eligible for 12 consecutive years.

(g) In West Virginia, the President of the Senate and the Lieutenant Governor are one in the same. The legislature provided in statute the title of Lieutenant Governor upon the Senate President. The Senate President serves 2 year terms, elected by the Senate on the first day of the first session of each two year legislative term.