

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS**

**Table A**  
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<b>Alabama</b> .....	Article 5, Section 127	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of House of Reprs.	Atty. General	State Auditor	Sec. of State	State Treasurer	
<b>Alaska</b> .....	Chapter 3, Sections 3.9-3.14	Governor	Lieut. Gov.							
<b>Arizona</b> .....	Article 5, Section 6	Governor	Sec. of State	Atty. General	State Treasurer	Supt. of Public Ed.				
<b>Arkansas</b> .....	Article 6, Sections 12-13; Constitutional Amendment 6	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Speaker of the Assembly					
<b>California (a)</b> .....	CAL. CONST. art. 5, § 10; CAL GOV CODE § 12058; CAL GOV CODE § 12061	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of the Assembly	Sec. of State	Atty. General	Treasurer	Controller	Supt. of Public Instruction
<b>Colorado</b> .....	Article 4, Section 13	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. (who is member of same party as Governor)	Spkr. of House (who is member of same party as Governor)	Minority Ldr. of House (who is member of same party as Governor)	Minority Ldr. of Senate (who is member of same party as Governor)			
<b>Connecticut</b> .....	Article 4, Sections 18-21	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem						
<b>Delaware</b> .....	Article 3, Section 20	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Sec. of State	Atty. General	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of House of Reprs.			
<b>Florida</b> .....	Article 4, Section 3	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Atty. General	Chief Financial Officer					
<b>Georgia</b> .....	Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph 5	Governor	Lieut. Gov.							
<b>Hawaii</b> .....	Article 4, Section 4; Statute § 26-2	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Speaker of House of Reprs.					
<b>Idaho</b> .....	Article 4, Sections 12-14	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem						
<b>Illinois</b> .....	Article 4, Sections 6-7; 15 ILCS 5	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Atty. General	Sec. of State					
<b>Indiana</b> .....	Article 5, Sections 10-11	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Speaker of House of Reprs.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Treasurer of the State	Auditor of the State	Sec. of State	State Supt. of Public Instruction	
<b>Iowa</b> .....	Article 4, Sections 17-19	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Speaker of House of Reprs.					
<b>Kansas</b> .....	Article 1, Section 11 & KSA Statute 75-125	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Speaker of House of Reprs.					

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<b>Kentucky</b> .....	Sections 84, 85, and 87 & KRS 118.710	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. (if Senate in session)	Atty. General (if Senate not in session)	State Auditor (if Senate not in session and Atty. General fails to qualify)	Presiding Off. of House of Reprs.			
<b>Louisiana</b> .....	Const. Article IV	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Atty. General	Treasurer	Presiding Off. of Senate				
<b>Maine</b> .....	Article 5, Part 1, Sections 14-15	Governor	Senate Pres.	Speaker of House of Reprs.	Sec. of State					
<b>Maryland</b> .....	Article 2, Section 6	Governor	Lieut. Gov.							
<b>Massachusetts</b> .....	Constitution of Massachusetts, Part 2, c. 2, § 2, Art. III	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Sec. of State	Atty. General	Treasurer and Receiver General	State Auditor			
<b>Michigan</b> .....	Article 5, Sections 26-27	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Sec. of State	Atty. General					
<b>Minnesota</b> .....	Article 5, Section 5	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of House of Reprs.	Sec. of State	State Auditor	Atty. General		
<b>Mississippi</b> .....	Article 5, Section 131	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of House of Reprs.					
<b>Missouri</b> .....	Article 4, Sections 11(a)-11(c)	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Spkr. of House	Sec. of State	State Auditor	State Treasurer	Atty. General	
<b>Montana</b> .....	Article 6, Sections 6 & 14 & 2009 Revised Statutes: 2-16-513-521.	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Spkr. of House	Senior Member of Legislature (if tie, Eldest to Youngest of Senior Member of Legislature)				
<b>Nebraska</b> .....	Article 4, Section 16	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Spkr. of the Legislature						
<b>Nevada</b> .....	Legislature under its authority of Article 4, Section 37 Section 223.080 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of the Assembly	Sec. of State				
<b>New Hampshire</b> ....	NH Const. Pt. 2 Art. 49	Governor	Senate Pres.	Spkr. of House	Sec. of State	State Treasurer				

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<b>New Jersey</b> .....	Article 5, Section 1, Paragraphs 6-9 & Article IV, Section VI, Paragraph 7 the Legislature adopted the "Emergency Interim Executive Succession Act," N.J.S.A. 52:14A-1 et seq.	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Speaker of Gen. Assembly	Atty. General	State Highway Commr. (Commr. of Transp.)			
<b>New Mexico</b> .....	Article 5, Section 7	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Sec. of State	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Spkr. of House				
<b>New York (b)</b> .....	Article 4, Sections 5-6 & the NYS Defense Emergency Act Article I-A (NYS DEA)	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Speaker of the Assembly	Atty. General	Comptroller	Commr. of Transp.	Commr. of Health	Commr. of Commerce
<b>North Carolina (c)</b> .....	Article 3, Section 3 & Statutes § 147-11.1	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Spkr. of House	Sec. of State	Auditor of the State	Treasurer	Supt. of Public Instruction	Atty. General
<b>North Dakota</b> .....	Article 5, Section 11	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Sec. of State						
<b>Ohio</b> .....	Article 3, Section 15 & Ohio Revised Code, Section 161.03	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of House of Reprs.	Sec. of State	State Treasurer	Auditor of the State	Atty. General	
<b>Oklahoma</b> .....	Article 6, Sections 15-16	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of House of Reprs.					
<b>Oregon</b> .....	Article 5, Section 8a	Governor	Sec. of State	State Treasurer	Senate Pres.	Speaker of House of Reprs.				
<b>Pennsylvania</b> .....	PA Constitution Article 4, Sections 13 and 14	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem						
<b>Rhode Island</b> .....	Article 9, Sections 9-10	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Speaker of House of Reprs.						
<b>South Carolina</b> .....	Article 3, Sections 1.3.110-1.3.150 & Article 4, Sections 6, 7, 9, 11-12	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of House of Reprs.					
<b>South Dakota</b> .....	Article 4, Section 6	Governor	Lieut. Gov.							

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<b>Tennessee</b> .....	Article 3, Section 12 & Acts 1941, ch. 99, § 1; C. Supp. 1950, § 1871; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 8-105	Governor	Speaker of the Senate/ Lieut. Gov.	Spkr. of House	Sec. of State	Comptroller of Treasury				
<b>Texas</b> .....	Article 3, Section 9; Article 4, Sections 3a, 16-18 & Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 147, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Speaker of House of Reps.	Atty. General	Chief justices of the courts of appeals, in the numerical order of the supreme judicial districts the courts serve			
<b>Utah</b> .....	Article 7, Sections 10-11 & Emergency Interim Succession Act found in Title 63K, Chapter 1	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Speaker of House of Reps.	Atty. General	State Auditor	State Treasurer		
<b>Vermont</b> .....	VSA, Chapter 7, Section 183	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Speaker of House of Reps.	Senate Pres. Pro Tem	Sec. of State	State Treasurer			
<b>Virginia</b> .....	Virginia Constitution, Article V, Executive, Section 16	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Atty. General	Spkr. of House of Delegates	House of Delegates convenes to fill vacancy				
<b>Washington</b> .....	Washington State Constitution, Article III, Section 10	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Sec. of State	Treasurer	Auditor	Atty. General	Supt. of Public Instruction	Commr. of Public Lands	
<b>West Virginia</b> .....	Article 7, Section 7-8	Governor	Acting Pres. of the Senate	Spkr. of House of Delegates						
<b>Wisconsin</b> .....	Article 5, Section 7-8	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Sec. of State						
<b>Wyoming</b> .....	Article 4, Section 6	Governor	Sec. of State							
<b>Dist. of Columbia</b> ..	Title IV—District Charter, Section 421, Part B	Mayor	Chair of D.C. Council							
<b>American Samoa</b> ..	Article IV	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Spkr. of House					
<b>Commonwealth of No. Mariana Is.</b> .....	Article 3, Section 7	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Senate Pres.	Spkr. of House					

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<b>Guam</b> .....	48 U.S.C. Section 1422b Subsection (A) (C), Guam Code Annotated §§ 1101 and 1102	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Speaker or Acting Speaker of Guam Legislature						
<b>Puerto Rico (d)</b> .....	July 24, 1952, No. 7, p. 12, § 1, Jan. 10, 1998, No. 19, § 1; May 2, 2005, No. 7, § 1	Governor	Sec. of State	Sec. of Justice	Sec. of Treasury	Sec. of Ed.	Sec. of Labor and Human Resources	Sec. of Transp. and Public Works	Sec. of Ec. Dev. and Commerce	Sec. of Health
<b>U.S. Virgin Islands</b> .....	July 27, 1972, No. 3280, Sess. L. 1972, p. 247; amended June 15, 1984, No. 4964, § 1(b), Sess. L. 1984	Governor	Lieut. Gov.	Commr. of Finance	Atty. General	Dir. of Office of Mgmt. and Budget	Commr. of Education	Commr. of Public Works	Commr. of Housing, Parks, and Recreation	Police Commr.

*Sources:* The National Emergency Management Association and The Council of State Governments, April 2011.  
*Additional Reference Material:*  
[http://www.esg.org/policy/documents/TIA\\_FF\\_Succession\\_Law\\_000.pdf](http://www.esg.org/policy/documents/TIA_FF_Succession_Law_000.pdf)  
<http://www.nlga.us/web-content/LtGovernors/SuccessionLawGov&LG.html>

*Key:*  
 (a) California's line of succession continues after the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the Insurance Commissioner and then the Chair of the Board of Equalization.  
 (b) New York's line of succession continues after the Commissioner of Commerce, with the Industrial Commissioner, then the Chairman of the Public Service Commission and then the Secretary of State.  
 (c) North Carolina's line of succession continues after the Attorney General, with the Commissioner of Agriculture, then the Commissioner of Labor and then the Commissioner of Insurance.  
 (d) Puerto Rico's line of succession continues after the Secretary of Health, with the Secretary of Agriculture.