

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS: QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS

State or other jurisdiction	Minimum age	State citizen (years)	U.S. citizen (years) (a)	State resident (years) (b)	Qualified voter (years)	Length of term (years)	Maximum consecutive terms allowed
Alabama.....	30	7	10	7	...	4	2
Alaska.....	30	★	7	7	★	4	2
Arizona.....	...	...	...	(c)	...	...	...
Arkansas.....	30	7	★	7	...	4	2
California.....	18	★	★	5	★	4	2
Colorado.....	30	...	★	2	...	4	2
Connecticut.....	30	★	★	★	★	4	...
Delaware.....	30	★	12	6	★	4	2
Florida.....	30	★	★	7	★	4	2
Georgia.....	30	★	15	6	★	4	...
Hawaii.....	30	5	★	5	★	4	2
Idaho.....	30	...	★	2	...	4	...
Illinois.....	25	...	★	3	...	4	...
Indiana.....	30	★	★	★	★	4	2
Iowa.....	30	...	2	2	...	4	...
Kansas.....	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Kentucky.....	30	6	★	★	★	4	2
Louisiana.....	25	5	5	5	...	4	...
Maine.....	...	...	...	(c)	...	...	...
Maryland.....	30	★	★	★	★	4	2
Massachusetts.....	...	★	★	★	★	4	...
Michigan.....	30	★	★	4	4	4	2 (d)
Minnesota.....	25	...	★	1	...	4	...
Mississippi.....	30	...	20	5	★	4	2
Missouri.....	30	10	15	10	...	4	...
Montana.....	25	2	★	2	...	4	2 (e)
Nebraska.....	30	5	★	5	★	4	2
Nevada.....	25	2	★	2	★	4	2
New Hampshire.....	...	...	...	(c)	...	...	...
New Jersey.....	30	...	20	7	...	4	2
New Mexico.....	30	★	★	5	★	4	2
New York.....	30	★	★	5	★	4	...
North Carolina.....	30	...	5	2	...	4	2
North Dakota.....	30	5	...	...	...	4	...
Ohio.....	18	...	★	★	★	4	2
Oklahoma.....	31	10	★	★	★	4	...
Oregon.....	...	...	...	(c)	...	...	...
Pennsylvania.....	30	★	★	7	★	4	2
Rhode Island.....	18	★	★	★	★	4	2
South Carolina.....	30	5	5	5	★	4	2
South Dakota.....	21	2	★	2	★	4	2
Tennessee (f).....	30	★	★	3	1	2	...
Texas.....	30	...	★	5	...	4	...
Utah.....	30	★	★	★	★	4	...
Vermont.....	18	4	★	4	★	2	...
Virginia.....	30	...	★	5	5	4	...
Washington.....	18	★	★	★	★	4	...
West Virginia (g).....	25	1	1	1	★	2	...
Wisconsin.....	18	★	★	★	★	4	...
Wyoming.....	...	...	...	(c)	...	...	...
American Samoa.....	35	(h)	★	5	★	4	2
Guam.....	30	...	5	5	★	4	2
No. Mariana Islands....	35	★	★	★	★	4	2
Puerto Rico.....	...	...	...	(c)	...	...	...
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	30	...	5	5	5	4	2

Source: The Council of State Government's survey, December 2009.

Note: This table includes constitutional and statutory qualifications.

Key:

★ — Formal provision; number of years not specified.

... — No formal provision.

(a) In some states you must be a U.S. citizen to be an elector, and must be an elector to run.

(b) In some states you must be a state resident to be an elector, and must be an elector to run.

(c) No lieutenant governor.

(d) In 1993 a constitutional limit of two lifetime terms in the office was enacted.

(e) Eligible for eight out of 16 years.

(f) In Tennessee, the speaker of the Senate, elected from Senate membership, has statutory title of "lieutenant governor."

(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.

(h) Must be a U.S. national.