

Table 4.6
STATE CABINET SYSTEMS

State or other jurisdiction	Authorization for cabinet system				Criteria for membership			Number of members in cabinet (including governor)	Frequency of cabinet meetings	Open cabinet meetings
	State statute	State constitution	Governor created	Tradition in state	Appointed to specific office (a)	Elected to specified office (a)	Gubernatorial appointment regardless of office			
Alabama.....	★	...	★	★	★	25	Quarterly	...
Alaska.....	★	...	★	19	Gov.'s discretion	★ (b)
Arizona.....	★	...	★	...	★	38	Monthly	...
Arkansas.....	★	...	★	47	Monthly	...
California.....	★	...	★	...	★	...	★	11	Every two weeks	...
Colorado.....	★	...	★	21	Monthly	...
Connecticut.....	★	★	27	Gov.'s discretion	...
Delaware.....	★	★	...	★	16	Gov.'s discretion	...
Florida.....	...	★	★	...	4	Semi-weekly	★
Georgia.....	(d)	...	...	...
Hawaii.....	...	★	★	...	★	22	Monthly	...
Idaho.....	(d)	...	...	...	43	Gov.'s discretion	...
Illinois.....	★	★	18	N.A.	...
Indiana.....	★	★	16	Bi-monthly	...
Iowa.....	★	...	★	★	★	30	(c)	...
Kansas.....	★	★	14	Bi-weekly	...
Kentucky.....	★	★	★	...	★	...	★	15	Weekly	...
Louisiana.....	★	...	★	★	★	16	Monthly	...
Maine.....	★	★	16	Weekly	...
Maryland.....	★	★	25	Every other week	...
Massachusetts.....	★	★	10	Bi-weekly	...
Michigan.....	★	★	(e)	18	Bi-weekly and Gov.'s discretion	...
Minnesota.....	★	...	★	24	Regularly	...
Mississippi.....	(d)	...	...	...
Missouri.....	...	★	...	★	★	17	Gov.'s discretion	...
Montana.....	★	★	★	21	Weekly	★
Nebraska.....	★	★	★	...	★	30	Monthly	...
Nevada.....	(d)	...	...	...	23	At call of the governor	...
New Hampshire.....	(d)	...	...	...
New Jersey.....	★	★	★	24	Gov.'s discretion	...
New Mexico.....	★	★	★	25	Gov.'s discretion	...
New York.....	★	★	75	Gov.'s discretion	...
North Carolina (f).....	...	★	★	★	10	Weekly (g)	...
North Dakota.....	★	★	18	Monthly	★
Ohio.....	★	★	24	Gov.'s discretion	★
Oklahoma.....	★	★	16 (h)	Monthly	...
Oregon.....	(d)	...	...	...
Pennsylvania.....	★	★	★	...	★(i)	...	★	28	Gov.'s discretion	★
Rhode Island.....	★	★	20	Bi-monthly	...
South Carolina.....	★	★(i)	...	...	16	Monthly	★
South Dakota.....	★	★	★	19	Monthly	...
Tennessee.....	★	★	28	Monthly	...
Texas.....	(d)	...	...	...
Utah.....	★	...	★	...	★	21	Monthly, weekly during legislative session	...
Vermont.....	★	★	7	Gov.'s discretion	...
Virginia.....	★	★(j)	14	Weekly	...
Washington.....	★	...	★	28	Bi-weekly, weekly during legislative session	...
West Virginia.....	★	★	★	9	Weekly	...
Wisconsin.....	★	★	16	Gov.'s discretion	★
Wyoming.....	★	★	20	Monthly	...
American Samoa.....	★	★	★	...	★	16	Gov.'s discretion	★
Guam.....	★	...	★	55	Bi-monthly	...
No. Mariana Islands.....	...	★	★	16	Gov.'s discretion	★
Puerto Rico.....	★	★	★	10 (k)	Every 6 weeks	...
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	...	★	★	21	Monthly	★

See footnotes at end of table.

GOVERNORS

STATE CABINET SYSTEMS— Continued

Sources: The Council of State Governments' survey, January 2010.

Key:

★ — Yes

... — No

N.A.— Not available

(a) Individual is a member by virtue of election or appointment to a cabinet-level position.

(b) Except when in executive session.

(c) Every other month, and every month during session.

(d) No formal cabinet system. In Idaho, however, sub-cabinets have been formed, by executive order; the chairs report to the governor.

(e) Membership determined by governor. Some officers formally designated as cabinet member by executive order.

(f) There is a Council of State Elected Officials created by the state

Constitution: Lieutenant Governor; Treasurer; Secretary of State; Labor; Auditor; Attorney General; Agriculture; Public Instruction; and Insurance. A few statutes mention Cabinet secretaries or agencies, but the Cabinet is not specifically authorized by statute. Cabinet members are appointed by the Governor. Cabinet agencies are as follows: Transportation; Environment And Natural Resources; Commerce; Correction; Health and Human Services; Revenue; Administration; Crime Control and Public Safety; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and Cultural Resources.

(g) Frequency of meetings may fluctuate with Governor's schedule.

(h) Maximum of 16.

(i) With the consent of the senate.

(j) Appointed by the governor and confirmed by each house.

(k) The Constitutional Cabinet has 10 members including the governor. There are other members of the Cabinet provided by statute.