

SECRETARIES OF STATE

Table 2.14
SECRETARIES OF STATE: QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Minimum age</i>	<i>U.S. citizen (years)</i>	<i>State resident (years)</i>	<i>Qualified voter (years)</i>	<i>Method of selection to office</i>
Alabama	25	7	5	★	E
Alaska .....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....
Arizona	25	10	5	...	E
Arkansas	18	...	...	...	E
California	18	★	★	★	E
Colorado	25	★	2	★	E
Connecticut	18	...	...	★	E
Delaware .....	...	...	★	...	A
Florida	30	★	7	★	E
Georgia	25	10	4	★	E
Hawaii .....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....
Idaho	25	★	2	...	E
Illinois	25	★	3	...	E
Indiana* .....	...	...	...	...	E
Iowa .....	...	...	...	...	E
Kansas .....	...	...	...	...	E
Kentucky	30	★	2 (b)	★	E
Louisiana	25	5	5 (b)	★	E
Maine* .....	...	...	...	...	(c)
Maryland .....	...	(d)	(d)	...	A
Massachusetts*	18	★	5	★	E
Michigan	18	★	★	★	E
Minnesota	21	★	★	★	E
Mississippi	25	5	5 (b)	5	E
Missouri .....	...	★	1	...	E
Montana (e)	25	★	2	★	E
Nebraska (f)	19	★	...	...	E
Nevada	25	★	2	★	E
New Hampshire .....	...	★	★	★	(c)
New Jersey .....	...	★	★	★	A
New Mexico	30	★	5	★	E
New York .....	...	...	...	...	A
North Carolina	21	★	★	★	E
North Dakota	25	★	5	★	E
Ohio	18	...	★	★	E
Oklahoma	31	★	...	10	A
Oregon	18	★	★	★	E
Pennsylvania .....	...	...	...	...	A
Rhode Island	18	★	30 days	★	E
South Carolina .....	...	★	★	★	E
South Dakota .....	...	...	★	...	E
Tennessee .....	...	...	...	...	(c)
Texas .....	...	...	...	...	A
Utah .....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....
Vermont .....	...	...	...	...	B
Virginia .....	...	...	...	...	A
Washington	18	★	★	★	E
West Virginia	18	★	30 days	30 days	E
Wisconsin	18	★	★	★	E
Wyoming*	25	★	★	★	E
American Samoa .....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....
Guam .....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....
No. Mariana Islands .....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....
Puerto Rico .....	...	5	5	...	A
U.S. Virgin Islands .....	.....	.....	(a)	.....	.....

Source: The Council of State Governments' survey, January 2000, except as noted by * where data are from *The Book of the States*, 1998-1999.

Note: This table contains constitutional and statutory provisions. "Qualified voter" provision may infer additional residency and citizenship requirements.

Key:

- ★ — Formal provision; number of years not specified.
- ... — No formal provision.
- A — Appointed by governor.
- E — Elected by voters.

- (a) No secretary of state.
- (b) State citizenship requirement.
- (c) Chosen by joint ballot of state senators and representatives. In Maine and New Hampshire, every two years. In Tennessee, every four years.
- (d) No formal provision but customary and political tradition.
- (e) No person convicted of a felony is eligible to hold public office until final discharge from state supervision.
- (f) No person in default as a collector and custodian of public money or property shall be eligible to public office; no person convicted of a felony shall be eligible unless restored to civil rights.