

ATTORNEYS GENERAL

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ATTORNEYS GENERAL: 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>Licensed attorney (years)</i>	<i>Membership in the state bar (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	...	...	...	(a)	(a)	E
Colorado	25	★	2	...	★	(b)	E
Connecticut	18	★	★	★	10	10	E
Delaware .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	E
Florida*	30	...	7	★	5	5	E
Georgia	25	10	4	...	7	7	E
Hawaii .....	...	★	1	...	(c)	...	A
Idaho*	30	★	2	...	★	★	E
Illinois	25	★	3	...	...	...	E
Indiana* .....	...	...	(d)	...	★	...	E
Iowa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	E
Kansas .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	E
Kentucky	30	2	2 (d)	...	8	2	E
Louisiana	25	5	5 (d)	★	5	5	E
Maine* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	(e)
Maryland .....	...	★(f)	10 (d)	★	10	10 (c)	E
Massachusetts .....	...	...	5	...	...	★	E
Michigan	18	★	30 days	★	(a)	(a)	E
Minnesota	21	★	30 days	★	...	...	E
Mississippi	26	...	5 (d)	...	5	5	E
Missouri .....	...	★	1	...	...	...	E
Montana (g)	25	★	2	...	5	★	E
Nebraska (h) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	E
Nevada	25	★	2 (d)	★	...	...	E
New Hampshire .....	...	...	...	...	★	★	A
New Jersey	18 (c)	...	★	...	...	...	A
New Mexico	30	...	5	...	★	...	E
New York	30	★	5	...	(c)	...	E
North Carolina	21	...	...	★	★	(c)	E
North Dakota	25	★	5	★	★	★	E
Ohio	18	★	★	★	(a)	...	E
Oklahoma	31	★	10	...	...	...	E
Oregon*	18	★	6 mos.	★	...	...	E
Pennsylvania*	30	★	7	...	★	★	E
Rhode Island	18	★	★	★	...	...	E
South Carolina	18	★	30 days	★	...	...	E
South Dakota .....	...	★	★	...	(c)	(c)	E
Tennessee .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	(i)
Texas .....	...	...	...	...	(c)	(c)	E
Utah	25	...	5 (d)	★	★	★	E
Vermont .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	E
Virginia	30	★	5 (j)	...	...	5 (j)	E
Washington .....	...	★	★	★	★	★	E
West Virginia	25	★	5 (d)	★	...	...	E
Wisconsin .....	...	★	★	...	...	...	E
Wyoming .....	...	...	★	★	4	4	A
American Samoa*	(a)	...	(c)	(c)	A
Guam	A
No. Mariana Islands	3	...	5	...	A
Puerto Rico	21 (c)	★	(c)	(c)	A
U.S. Virgin Islands	21	★	(k)	...	A

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Source: The Council of State Governments' survey, January 2000, except as noted by * where information is from *The Book of the States, 1998-99*.

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 statute specifically requires this, but the State Bar act can be interpreted as making this a qualification.

(b) Licensed attorneys are not required to belong to the bar association.

(c) Implied.

(d) State citizenship requirement.

(e) Chosen biennially by joint ballot of state senators and representatives.

(f) *Crosse v. Board of Supervisors of Elections* 243 Md. 555, 2221A.2d431 (1966)—opinion rendered indicated that U.S. citizenship was, by necessity, a requirement for office.

(g) No person convicted of a felony is eligible to hold public office until final discharge from state supervision.

(h) 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.

(i) Appointed by judges of state Supreme Court.

(j) Same as qualifications of a judge of a court of record.

(k) Must be admitted to practice before highest court.