

Table 2.6
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 specified office (a)	Elected to specified office (a)	Gubernatorial appointment regardless of office			
Alabama*	★	★	28	Gov.'s discretion (a)	...
Alaska	★	...	★	18	Regularly	★(b)
Arizona	★	...	★	...	★	38	Monthly	...
Arkansas	★	★	18	Regularly	...
California*	★	...	★	...	★	...	★	13	Every two weeks	...
Colorado*	...	★	★	21	Gov.'s discretion	★
Connecticut	★	★	24	Gov.'s discretion	...
Delaware*	★	★	...	★(c)	17	Gov.'s discretion	...
Florida	...	★	★	...	7	Every two weeks	★
Georgia*	(d)	...	...	...
Hawaii	★	★	★	★	17	Gov.'s discretion	...
Idaho	(d)	...	...	...
Illinois	★(e)	★	...	28	Gov.'s discretion	...
Indiana	(d)	...	...	...
Iowa	(e)	...	...	...
Kansas	★	★	16	Gov.'s discretion	...
Kentucky	★	★	20	Gov.'s discretion	...
Louisiana	★	★	★	★	...	13	Gov.'s discretion	...
Maine	★	★(c)	17	Weekly	...
Maryland	★	★(c)	...	...	23	Gov.'s discretion	...
Massachusetts	★	★	12	Weekly	...
Michigan	...	★	★	★	★	21	Gov.'s discretion	...
Minnesota	★	...	★	26	Regularly	...
Mississippi	(d)	...	...	...
Missouri	...	★	...	★	★	17	Gov.'s discretion	...
Montana	★	...	★	17	Bi-weekly	★
Nebraska	★	★	27	Gov.'s discretion	...
Nevada*	(d)	...	...	...
New Hampshire	(d)	...	...	...
New Jersey	★	★	★	18	Gov.'s discretion	...
New Mexico	★	★	17	Weekly	...
New York	★	★	25	Gov.'s discretion	...
North Carolina* (f)	★	★	★	★	10	Monthly	...
North Dakota (g)	(d)	...	...	...
Ohio	★	★	...	★	25	Gov.'s discretion	...
Oklahoma*	★	...	★	★	16 (h)	Gov.'s discretion	...
Oregon	(d)	...	...	...
Pennsylvania	★	★(c)	...	...	19	Weekly	★
Rhode Island	(i)	...	...	...
South Carolina	★	★(c)	13	Gov.'s discretion	...
South Dakota	★	...	★	...	★	22	Gov.'s discretion	...
Tennessee	★	★	★	22	Gov.'s discretion	★
Texas	(d)	...	...	...
Utah*	★	(i)	★	...	...	19	Monthly	...
Vermont*	★	★	6	Gov.'s discretion	...
Virginia	★	★	9	Gov.'s discretion	...
Washington	★	...	★	28	Bi-weekly, weekly during legislative session	...
West Virginia	★	★	9	Bi-monthly	...
Wisconsin	★	★	16	Gov.'s discretion	★
Wyoming	★	★	15	Gov.'s discretion	★
American Samoa*	★	★	★	...	★	16	Gov.'s discretion	★
Guam	★	...	★	55	Bi-monthly	...
No. Mariana Islands*	...	★	★	16	Gov.'s discretion	★
Puerto Rico	★	★	★	18	Gov.'s discretion	...
U.S. Virgin Islands*	★	★	16	Monthly or as needed	...

See footnotes at end of table.

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STATE CABINET SYSTEMS — Continued

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

Key:

★ — Yes

... — No

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

(b) Except when in executive session.

(c) With the consent of the senate.

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

(e) Sub-cabinets meet quarterly.

(f) Constitution provides for a Council of State made up of elective state administrative officials, which makes policy decisions for the state while the cabinet acts more in an advisory capacity.

(g) Cabinet consists of agencies, created by legislation; directors of agencies appointed by the governor.

(h) Includes secretary of state; most other cabinet members are heads of state agencies.

(i) In Rhode Island, department heads require advice and consent of the Senate. In Utah, department heads serve as cabinet; meets at discretion of governor, but when first appointed, department heads also require advice and consent of Senate.