

**Table 2.8
IMPEACHMENT PROVISIONS IN THE STATES**

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Alabama	★ (c)	H	...	S	★	...	LG	★
Alaska	★	S	2/3 mbrs. maj. mbrs.	H	(d)	2/3 mbrs.	LG	★
Arizona	★ (c)	H	...	S	★ (f)	2/3 mbrs.	SS	★
Arkansas	★	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	PS	...
California	★	H	...	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Colorado	★	H	maj. mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Connecticut	★	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	...
Delaware	★	H	2/3 mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Florida	★	H	2/3 mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	★
Georgia	★	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Hawaii	★ (g)	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	★
Idaho	★	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Illinois	★	H	maj. mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	★
Indiana	★	H	...	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Iowa	★	H	...	S	...	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	...
Kansas	★	H	...	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Kentucky	★	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	...
Louisiana	★	H	...	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	★
Maine	★	H	...	S	...	2/3 mbrs. present	PS	★
Maryland	★	H	maj. mbrs.	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Massachusetts	★	H	...	S	LG	★
Michigan	★	H	maj. mbrs.	S (h)	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Minnesota	★	H	maj. mbrs.	S	...	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	...
Mississippi	★	H	2/3 mbrs. present	S	★	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	...
Missouri	★	H	...	(i)	(f)	(i)	LG	...
Montana	★	H	2/3 mbrs.	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Nebraska	★	S (i)	maj. mbrs.	(k)	(k)	(k)	LG	★
Nevada	★ (e)	H	maj. mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
New Hampshire	★	H	...	S	★	...	PS	...
New Jersey	★ (l)	H	maj. mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	PS	★
New Mexico	★	H	maj. mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	★
New York	★	H	maj. mbrs.	(m)	...	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	★
North Carolina	★	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	★
North Dakota	★ (e)	H	maj. mbrs.	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Ohio	★	H	maj. mbrs.	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Oklahoma	★ (c)	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	★
Oregon	★	H	...	(n)	(n)	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	★
Pennsylvania	★	H	...	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Rhode Island	★	H	1/4 mbrs. (o)	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
South Carolina	★	H	2/3 mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...

See footnotes at end of table.

GOVERNORS

IMPEACHMENT PROVISIONS IN THE STATES — Continued

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South Dakota	★ (e)	H	maj. mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Tennessee	★	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs. (p)	PS	★
Texas	★	H	...	S	...	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	...
Utah	★ (e)	H	2/3 mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Vermont	★	H	2/3 mbrs.	S	...	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	...
Virginia	★	H	...	S	...	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	★
Washington	★ (e)	H	maj. mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	LG	★
West Virginia	★	H	...	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	PS	★
Wisconsin	★	H	maj. mbrs.	S	...	2/3 mbrs. present	LG	...
Wyoming	★ (e)	H	maj. mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.	SS	...
Dist. of Columbia	(r)	H	2/3 mbrs.	S	★	2/3 mbrs.
American Samoa		H	2/3 mbrs.	S	(q)	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
Guam	★	H	2/3 mbrs.	S	...	2/3 mbrs.	LG	...
No. Mariana Islands	(s)	H	2/3 mbrs.	S	★	3/4 mbrs.	SS	★
Puerto Rico		H	2/3 mbrs.	S	(q)
U.S. Virgin Islands		H	2/3 mbrs.	S	(q)

Source: State constitutions and statutes.
 Note: The information in this table is based on a literal reading of the state constitutions and statutes. For information on other methods for removing state officials, see Table 4.5, "Methods for Removal of Judges and Filling of Vacancies," and Table 5.23, "State Recall Provisions: Applicability to State Officials and Petition Circulation."
 Key:
 ★ — Yes; provision for.
 ... — Not specified, or no provision for.
 H — House or Assembly (lower chamber).
 S — Senate.
 LG — Lieutenant governor.
 PS — President or speaker of the Senate.
 SS — Secretary of state.
 (a) Presiding justice of state court of last resort. In many states, provision indicates that chief justice presides only on occasion of impeachment of governor.
 (b) For provisions on official next in line on succession if governor is convicted and removed from office, refer to Table 2.1, "The Governors."
 (c) Includes justices of Supreme Court. Other judicial officers not subject to impeachment.
 (d) A Supreme Court justice designated by the court.
 (e) With exception of certain judicial officers. In Arizona and Washington—justices of courts not of record. In Nevada, Utah and Wyoming—justices of the peace. In North Dakota and South Dakota—county judges, justices of the peace, and police magistrates.
 (f) Should the Chief Justice be on trial, or otherwise disqualified, the Senate shall elect a judge of the Supreme Court to preside.
 (g) Governor, lieutenant governor, and any appointive officer for whose removal the consent of the Senate is required.
 (h) House elects three members to prosecute impeachment.
 (i) All impeachments are tried before the state Supreme Court, except that the governor or a member of the Supreme Court is tried by a special commission of seven eminent jurists to be elected by the Senate. A vote of 5/7 of the court of special commission is necessary to convict.
 (j) Unicameral legislature; members use the title "senator."
 (k) Court of impeachment is composed of chief justice and all district court judges in the state. A vote of 2/3 of the court is necessary to convict.
 (l) All state officers while in office and for two years thereafter.
 (m) Court for trial of impeachment composed of president of the Senate, senators (or major part of them), and judges of Court of Appeals (or major part of them).
 (n) No provision for impeachment. Public officers may be tried for incompetency, corruption, malfeasance, or delinquency in office in same manner as criminal offenses.
 (o) Vote of 2/3 members required for an impeachment of the governor.
 (p) Vote of 2/3 of members sworn to try the officer impeached.
 (q) Removal of elected officials by recall procedure only.
 (r) Governor, lieutenant governor.
 (s) Governor and Supreme Court justices.