

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	...	5	...	E
Arkansas	18	★	★	★	...	...	E
California	18	...	...	...	(a)	(a)	E
Colorado	25	★	2	...	★	(b)	E
Connecticut	18	★	★	★	10	10	E
Delaware (m) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	E
Florida	30	(l)	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	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 (n)
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

See footnotes at end of table.

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Sources: The Council of State Governments' survey, January 2002, and state constitutions and statutes. Information indicated by an * is from *The Book of the States*, 2000-2001.

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 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.

(l) Must be a U.S. citizen to be an elector, and must be an elector to run.

(m) No person who shall be convicted of embezzlement of the public money, bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime shall be eligible to hold any office of trust, honor or profit under this State.

(n) Must be confirmed by the Senate.