

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**Table 4.9  
CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR LENGTH AND  
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<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Governor</i>	<i>Lt. Governor</i>	<i>Secretary of state</i>	<i>Attorney general</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Auditor</i>	<i>Comptroller</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Insurance</i>	<i>Other</i>
Alabama	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	...	...	4/2 (a)	...	...	
Alaska	4/2 (b)	4/-	(c)	...	(d)	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Arizona	4/2 (b)	(e)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	...	...	4/2 (b)	...	...	...	Corporation Comm.-4/2 (b); Mine inspector-2/(f) Land Cmsr.-4/2
Arkansas	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	(g)	...	...	...	...	
California	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	...	4/2	4/2	...	...	...	
Colorado	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	...	...	...	...	...	...	Regents of Univ. of Colo.-6/-; Bd. of Education-6/-
Connecticut	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	...	4/-	...	...	...	...	
Delaware	4/2 (h)	4/-	...	4/-	4/-	...	...	...	...	...	4/-	
Florida	4/(i)	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	(j)	
Georgia	4/2 (b)	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	...	...	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	
Hawaii	4/2	4/2	(c)	...	(g)	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Idaho	4/(b)	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	...	...	
Illinois	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	...	...	...	...	
Indiana	4/(l)	4/-	4/(b)	...	4/(l)	4/(l)	(k)	...	(c)	...	...	
Iowa	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	4/-	...	...	...	...	...	
Kansas	4/2	4/2	4/-	4/-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bd. of Education-4/-
Kentucky	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	(g)	...	4/2	4/2	...	Bd. of Education-4/-; Elections Cmsr.-4/-
Louisiana	4/(b)	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	(m)	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	
Maine	4/2(b)	(n)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Maryland	4/2 (b)	4/-	...	4/-	...	...	4/-	...	...	...	...	
Massachusetts	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	...	...	...	...	
Michigan	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	...	...	(g)	...	...	...	...	Bd. of Education-8/-
Minnesota	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/(aa)	4/-	(g)	...	...	...	(o)	
Mississippi	4/2(h)	4/2 (b)	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	(g)	...	...	...	...	
Missouri	4/2 (h)	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/2 (h)	4/-	...	...	...	...	...	
Montana	4/(p)	4/(p)	4/(p)	4/(p)	...	4/(p)	...	4/(p)	...	...	...	
Nebraska	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	...	...	...	...	...	Regents of Univ. of Neb.-6/-; Bd. of Education-4/-; Public Service Comm.-6/-
Nevada	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	...	4/2	...	...	...	...	
New Hampshire	2/-	(n)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Exec. Council-2/-
New Jersey	4/2 (b)	(n)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
New Mexico	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	(q)	...	...	...	...	Cmsr. of Public Lands-4/2 (b); Bd. of Education-4/-; Corporation Comm.-6/-
New York	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	...	(d)	4/-	...	...	...	...	
North Carolina	4/(b)	4/(b)	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	
North Dakota	4/-	4/-	4/- (bb)	4/- (bb)	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	4/(r)(bb)	4/(r)	4/-	Public Service Comm.-6/-; Tax Cmsr.-4/- (bb)
Ohio	4/(b)	4/(i)	4/(i)	4/(i)	4/(i)	4/(i)	(q)	...	...	...	...	
Oklahoma	4/2(b)	4/(b)	...	4/(b)	4/(b)	4/(b)	...	4/(b)	...	4/-	4/-	
Oregon	4/(l)	(e)	4/(l)	...	4/(l)	...	(q)	...	...	...	...	
Pennsylvania	4/2	2	...	4/2 (b)	4/2 (s)	(4/2)	...	...	...	...	...	
Rhode Island	4/2	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	...	...	...	...	...	...	
South Carolina	4/2 (b)	(4/2)	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	...	Adjutant General-4/-
South Dakota	4/2 (b)	4/2 (b)	4/(b)	4/(b)	4/(b)	4/(b)	(k)	...	...	...	...	Cmsr. of School & Public Lands-4/- (b)
Tennessee	4/2 (b)	(n)	...	...	...	(d)	...	...	...	...	...	
Texas	4/-	4/-	...	4/-	(d)	...	4/-	...	...	...	...	Bd. of Education-6/-; Cmsr. of General Land Off.-4/-; Railroad Comm.-6/-
Utah	4/-	4/-	(c)	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	...	...	...	...	
Vermont	2/-	2/-	2/-	...	2/-	2/-	(g)	...	...	...	...	

See footnotes at end of table.

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Virginia .....	4/ (z)	4/U	...	4/U	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Washington .....	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	(q)	4/-	...	...	...	Cmsr. of Public Lands-4/-
West Virginia .....	4/2 (t)	(n)	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	(k)	...	4/-	...	...	
Wisconsin .....	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	4/-	...	...	4/-	...	...	...	
Wyoming .....	4/- (p)	(e)	4/-	...	4/-	4/-	(k)	4/-	...	...	...	
Dist. of Columbia .....	4/- (u)	(4/2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Chmn. of Council of Dist. of Col.-4/U
American Samoa .....	4/2 (v)	(4/2)	(c)	...	...	...	(q)	...	...	...	...	
Guam .....	4/2 (b)	(4/2)	(c)	...	...	...	(w)	...	...	...	(x)	
No. Mariana Islands .....	4/ (l)	4/-	...	...	...	...	(q)	...	(y)	...	(o)	
Puerto Rico .....	4/-	(e)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
U.S. Virgin Islands .....	4/2 (b)	4/-	(c)	...	(g)	...	(g)	...	...	...	(c)	

Source: The Council of State Governments reading of state constitutions and statutes, March 2002.

Note: First entry in a column refers to number of years per term. Entry following the slash refers to the maximum number of consecutive terms allowed. Blank cells indicate no specific administrative official performs function. Footnotes specify if a position's functions are performed by an appointed official under a different title. This table reflects a literal reading of the state constitutions and statutes. January 2002.

- Key:
- — No provision specifying number of terms allowed.
  - 0 — Provision specifying officeholder may not succeed self.
  - U — Provision specifying individual may hold office for an unlimited number of terms.
  - ... — Position is appointed or elected by governmental entity (not chosen by electorate).
  - (a) Commissioner of agriculture and industries.
  - (b) After two consecutive terms, must wait four years and/or one full term before being eligible again.
  - (c) Lieutenant governor performs function.
  - (d) Comptroller performs function.
  - (e) Secretary of state is next in line of succession to the governorship.
  - (f) No Mine Inspector shall serve more than four consecutive terms in that office.
  - (g) Finance administrator performs function.
  - (h) Absolute two-term limitation, but not necessarily consecutive.
  - (i) Eligible for eight consecutive years.
  - (j) State treasurer also serves as insurance commissioner.
  - (k) State auditor performs function.
  - (l) Eligible for eight out of any period of 12 years.

- (m) Head of administration performs function.
- (n) President or speaker of the Senate is next in line of succession to the governorship. In Tennessee, speaker of the Senate has the statutory title "lieutenant governor."
- (o) Commerce administrator performs function.
- (p) Eligible for eight out of 16 years.
- (q) State treasurer performs function.
- (r) Constitution provides for a secretary of agriculture and labor. However, the legislature was given constitutional authority to provide for (and has provided for) a department of labor distinct from agriculture, and a commissioner of labor distinct from the commissioner of agriculture.
- (s) Treasurer must wait four years before being eligible to the office of auditor general.
- (t) A person who has been elected or who has served as governor during all or any part of two consecutive terms shall be ineligible for the office of governor during any part of the term immediately following the second of the two consecutive terms.
- (u) Mayor.
- (v) Limit is statutory.
- (w) General services administrator performs function.
- (x) Taxation administrator performs function.
- (y) Natural resources administrator performs function.
- (z) Cannot serve consecutive terms, but after 4 year respite can seek re-election.
- (aa) Office of the state treasurer will be abolished on the first Monday in January 2003.
- (bb) The terms of office of the elected officials are four years, except that in 2004 the agriculture commissioner, attorney general, secretary of state, and tax commissioner are elected to a term of two years.