

## THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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The office of Lieutenant Governor was created by a Constitutional Amendment ratified by the people on November 3, 1970 (Chapter 532, Acts of 1970). The Lieutenant Governor is the second-ranking officer of the State. He is elected by popular vote at the same election at which the Governor is elected, for a term of four years, his term of office beginning on the third Wednesday following his election. The eligibility requirements for Lieutenant Governor are the same as those for the Governor (Const. 1867, Art. II, secs. 1, 1A, 2). He receives an annual salary of \$44,856.

The Lieutenant Governor has only those duties delegated to him by the Governor. In 1971, the Governor designated the Lieutenant Governor as his Secretary of the Cabinet. In addition, the Lieutenant Governor performs a variety of functions assigned to him by the Governor relating to the preparation of the budget and legislation, as well as the management of the Executive Branch.

The Lieutenant Governor succeeds to the office of Governor in the event of a vacancy in that office. If the Governor-elect fails to assume office for any other reason than his disqualification, resignation or death, the Lieutenant Governor becomes the Acting Governor. He also serves as Acting Governor in case of the Governor's disability (Const. 1867, Art. II, secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 7A).

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The office of Secretary of State was created by a Constitutional Amendment in 1837 to replace the Governor's Council. Appointed by the Governor to a term to run concurrently with him, the Secretary attests to the Governor's signature on all public papers and documents as may be required; in addition to overseeing all Executive Orders, keeping records of all commissions issued and appointments made by the Governor (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 86-88).

The Secretary of State's office also keeps a record of trademarks, trade names, and service marks utilized within the State (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 90-103); and a registry of legislative counsels and agents, the legislation in which they are interested and the amounts received and spent for such activity (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 40, secs. 5-14). Further, records of all defaulting corporations which can only be reinstated by proclamation of the Governor upon the request of the Department of Assessments and Taxation are filed with the office, as are Interstate Compacts.