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The Governor is the chief executive officer of the State and the commander in chief of its military forces. He is elected by popular vote for a term of four years, with his term of office beginning on the third Wednesday of January following his election. No person may serve as Governor for more than two consecutive terms. To be eligible for the office of Governor, a person must be at least thirty years of age and must have been for five years immediately preceding his election a resident and registered voter of the State. He receives the salary recommended prior to each election by the Governor's Salary Commission and approved by the General Assembly. Until 1986, the Governor's salary is \$75,000 per year (Const. 1867, Art. II, secs. 1, 3, 5, 21, 21A).

The Governor must submit to each annual session of the General Assembly a budget for the next ensuing fiscal year. The Governor may also inform the General Assembly at any time of the condition of the State (Const. 1867, Art. II, sec. 19; Art. III, sec. 52(3)).

Every bill passed by the General Assembly, except the annual Budget Bill, must be presented to the Governor before it becomes law. If he approves the bill he may sign it, and if he disapproves he may veto it. Any bill that he vetoes may be passed without his signature by three-fifths of the total number of members of each house of the General Assembly, either at the current session or at the session next following. If a bill is presented more than six days before the General Assembly adjourns and is not vetoed within six days, or if a bill is presented within six days prior to the adjournment of the General Assembly and is not vetoed within thirty days after its presentment, then the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature. The Governor has the power to veto any part of an appropriations bill, in the same manner as other bills, without vetoing it in its entirety (Const. 1867, Art. II, sec. 17; Art. III, sec. 52(6)).