

General Information About the Governors' Offices

| <u>State</u> | <u>Length of Term in Years</u> | <u>Term Limits</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Age Required to Seek Office</u> | <u>Cabinet Members*</u> | <u>Lieutenant Governor Election^o</u> | <u>Item Veto</u> | <u>Votes Required to Override Veto</u> | <u>Budget Preparation Responsibility</u> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------|--|--|
| AL | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 101,432 | 30 | 27 | Separate | Yes | Majority elected | Full |
| AK | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 83,280 | 30 | 17* | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| AZ | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 95,000 | 25 | 37* | None^ | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| AR | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 71,738 | 30 | 17* | Separate | Yes | Majority elected | Shared |
| CA | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 175,000 | 18 | 12 | Separate | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| CO | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 90,000 | 30 | 20 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| CT | 4 | No term limits | \$ 150,000 | 30 | 26 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| DE | 4 | Two | \$ 114,000 | 30 | 18 | Separate | Yes | 3/5 elected | Full |
| FL | 4 | Eight consecutive years; no lifetime limit | \$ 120,171 | 30 | 6 | Team | Yes | 2/3 present | Full |
| GA | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 127,303 | 30 | # | Separate | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| HI | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 94,780 | 30 | 19 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| ID | 4 | No term limits | \$ 98,500 | 30 | # | Separate | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| IL | 4 | No term limits | \$ 150,691 | 25 | 39 | Team | Yes | 3/5 elected | Shared |
| IN | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 95,000 | 30 | # | Team | No | Majority elected | Shared |
| IA | 4 | No term limits | \$ 107,482 | 30 | # | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| KS | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 95,446 | N/A | 14 | Team | Yes | 2/3 membership | Full |
| KY | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 103,018 | 30 | 14 | Team | Yes | Majority Elected | Full |
| LA | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 95,000 | 25 | 11 | Separate | Yes | 2/3 elected | Shared |
| ME | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 70,000 | 30 | 16 | None^ | Yes | 2/3 present | Full |
| MD | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 120,000 | 30 | 22 | Team | Yes | 3/5 elected | Full |
| MA | 4 | No term limits | \$ 135,000 | N/A | 10 | Team | Yes | 2/3 present | Full |
| MI | 4 | Two | \$ 177,000 | 30 | 23 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected and serving | Shared |
| MN | 4 | No term limits | \$ 120,303 | 25 | 24* | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| MS | 4 | Two | \$ 101,800 | 30 | # | Separate | Yes | 2/3 elected | Shared |
| MO | 4 | Two | \$ 120,087 | 30 | 16 | Separate | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| MT | 4 | Eight years in a 16 year period | \$ 88,190 | 25 | 13 | Team | Yes | 2/3 present | Shared |
| NE | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 65,000 | 30 | 24 | Team | Yes | 3/5 elected | Shared |
| NV | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 117,000 | 25 | # | Separate | No | 2/3 elected | Full |
| NH | 2 | No term limits | \$ 100,690 | 30 | # | None^ | No | 2/3 elected | Full |

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| NJ | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 157,000 | 30 | 18 | None^ | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| NM | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 90,000 | 30 | 16 | Team | Yes | 2/3 present and voting | Full |
| NY | 4 | No term limits | \$ 179,000 | 30 | 74 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Shared |
| NC | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 118,430 | 30 | 9 | Separate | No | 3/5 elected | Full |
| ND | 4 | No term limits | \$ 83,013 | 30 | 17 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| OH | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 126,485 | 18 | 24 | Team | Yes | 3/5 elected | Full |
| OK | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 101,040 | 31 | 14 | Separate | Yes | 2/3 elected | Shared |
| OR | 4 | No term limits | \$ 93,600 | 30 | # | None^ | Yes | 2/3 present | Full |
| PA | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 144,410 | 30 | 18 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| RI | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 95,000 | 18 | # | Separate | No | 3/5 present | Full |
| SC | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 106,078 | 30 | 12 | Separate | Yes | 2/3 present | Shared |
| SD | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 95,389 | 21 | 19 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| TN | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 85,000 | 30 | 27 | None^ | Yes | Majority elected | Full |
| TX | 4 | No term limits | \$ 115,345 | 30 | b | Separate | Yes | 2/3 present | Shared |
| UT | 4 | Twelve consecutive years | \$ 100,600 | 30 | 18 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| VT | 2 | No term limits | \$ 88,026 | 18 | 5 | Separate | No | 2/3 present | Full |
| VA | 4 | One; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 124,855 | 30 | 11 | Separate | Yes | 2/3 present | Full |
| WA | 4 | No term limits | \$ 139,087 | 18 | 27* | Separate | Yes | 2/3 present | Full |
| WV | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 90,000 | 30 | 9 | None^ | Yes | Majority elected | Full |
| WI | 4 | No term limits | \$ 122,406 | 18 | 15 | Team | Yes | 2/3 present | Full |
| WY | 4 | Two terms in 16 year period | \$ 130,000 | 30 | 14 | None^ | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |

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| AS | 4 | Two consecutive | \$ 50,000 | 35 | 15 | Team | No | 2/3 elected | Shared |
| GU | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 90,000 | 30 | 54* | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| MP | 4 | Eligible 8 out of any 12 year period | \$ 70,000 | 35 | 15 | Team | Yes | 2/3 elected | Shared |
| PR | 4 | No term limits | \$ 70,000 | 35 | # | None | Yes | 2/3 elected | Full |
| VI | 4 | Two consecutive; reeligible after 4 year hiatus | \$ 80,000 | 30 | 20 | Team | No | 2/3 elected | Full |

Key

Cabinet

Cabinet size is determined by state constitution, statute, or tradition unless otherwise noted.

* Governor determines cabinet size; not bound by constitution, statute, or tradition.

No formal cabinet.

Lieutenant Governor

Team: Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected together.

Separate: Lieutenant Governor is elected separately from the Governor

^ In Arizona, Oregon, and Wyoming the Secretary of State is the Governor's successor

^ In Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Tennessee, and West Virginia the presiding officer of the Senate is the Governor's successor

Budget

Full: Governor is responsible for preparing the budget

Shared: Governmental units collaborate to prepare budget.

Sources:

State constitutions, The Book of the States-2003, the National Governors Association

The National Lieutenant Governors Association and the National Association of State Budget Officers.

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