



# Office of Lieutenant Governor

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## Qualifications

Missouri's lieutenant governor must be at least 30 years old, a U.S. citizen for at least 15 years and a resident of Missouri for at least 10 years before being elected to the office.

The lieutenant governor is elected for a four-year term and is subject to re-election.

## Duties

The lieutenant governor is the only statewide elected official that is part of both the executive and legislative branches of state government. Under the constitution, the lieutenant governor is *ex officio* president of the Missouri Senate. The lieutenant governor is elected independently from the governor, and each can be members of different political parties. Upon the governor's death, conviction, impeachment, resignation, absence from the state or other disabilities, the lieutenant governor shall act as governor.

By law, the lieutenant governor is a member of the Board of Public Buildings, Board of Fund Commissioners, Missouri Development Finance Board, Missouri Community Service Commission, Missouri Housing Development Commission and the Tourism Commission. The lieutenant governor is an advisor to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on early childhood education and Parents-as-Teachers program, and the state's official advocate for senior citizens.



## Roles of the Office

In recent years, the lieutenant governor has embraced more responsibilities, especially relating to seniors, veterans, tourism and service. These modern developments have made the lieutenant governor more visible and accessible to Missourians. The 13 different boards and



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commissions on which the lieutenant governor serves provide many more opportunities to help Missouri citizens. These boards and commissions cover a wide variety of functions for Missouri's diverse population.

By statute, the lieutenant governor is the official Senior Advocate for the State of Missouri. This office investigates problems and issues on behalf of senior citizens. The lieutenant governor's office works very closely with the Department of Health and Senior Services to ensure the safety and well-being of Missouri's senior citizens. The lieutenant governor now chairs the Missouri Rx Prescription Drug Program.

Our military veterans exemplify the meaning of service. They have answered the call of duty, boldly facing death, injury and uncertainty. Their sacrifice should never be forgotten. The lieutenant governor chairs the Governor's Council for Veterans Affairs and is proud to advocate for issues vital to our Missouri veterans.

The Lieutenant Governor actively promotes the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund, a state-administered fund assisting families of the Missouri National Guard and reservists who have been deployed for the global war on terrorism. Those interested in donating should contact the Missouri Veterans Commission at (573) 522-4220 or make an income tax check-off donation when filing a state income tax return.

The lieutenant governor's office also houses the Veterans Remembrance Project, recording the memories of veterans who have served in foreign wars. A video kiosk is now operating in the State Capitol as a way for visitors to watch these recorded sessions.

Chairing the Missouri Tourism Commission, the lieutenant governor helps market Missouri to the rest of the world. Out-of-state visitors bring new revenues to Missouri businesses, and new tax dollars to Missouri. Centrally located in the United States and bordering eight other states, Missouri hosts tens of millions of visitors each



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year. The Tourism Commission plans campaigns to show our visitors all that we have to offer. The Lieutenant Governor has led the effort to bring the Tour of Missouri, an international professional bicycle race, to Missouri. This annual event celebrates an inaugural year in September 2007 and is the first professional bike race at the highest level of competition in the Midwest.

As part of the Missouri Community Service Commission, the lieutenant governor is honored to continue a legacy of service to citizens across Missouri. This commission nurtures volunteerism by encouraging an atmosphere that enables citizen service to prosper. By partnering with national service programs, the commission promotes volunteer opportunities to interested citizens. Each year, the Community Service Commission recognizes award winners who have demonstrated exemplary service.

The Lieutenant Governor also sponsors the Senior Service Award to promote and highlight the positive accomplishments senior citizens selflessly provide their communities. Quarterly winners are recognized from every region of the state. More information may be found at [www.ltgov.mo.gov](http://www.ltgov.mo.gov).

The lieutenant governor also serves on the Missouri Housing Development Commission. As such, the lieutenant governor has the opportunity to help ensure quality affordable housing for Missourians, regardless of income.

Other boards and commissions on which the lieutenant governor serves include: Board of Fund Commissioners; Board of Public Buildings; Missouri Development Finance Board (chair); Personal Independence Commission (co-chair); Missouri Rx Plan Commission (chair); Second State Capitol Commission; Statewide Safety Steering Committee; Special Health, Psychological, and Social Needs of Minority Older Individuals Commission; and an advisor to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on early childhood education.

This compilation of the lieutenant governor's responsibilities demonstrates how this office can assist all Missourians. Citizens are urged to contact the lieutenant governor's office regarding issues that affect seniors by calling (800) 699-2377, or through the website at [www.ltgov.mo.gov](http://www.ltgov.mo.gov).

## Historical Listing, Lieutenant Governors

Name and (party)	Term	County	Born	Died
1. William Henry Ashley (D)	1820–24	St. Louis	1785	3/26/1839
2. Benjamin Harrison Reeves (D)	1824–28	Howard	3/21/1787	4/16/1849
3. Daniel Dunklin (D)	1828–32	Washington	1/14/1790	8/25/1844
4. Lilburn W. Boggs (D)	1832–36	Jackson	12/14/1792	3/14/1860
5. Franklin Cannon (D)	1836–40	Cape Girardeau	3/12/1794	6/13/1863
6. Meredith Miles Marmaduke (D)	1840–44	Saline	8/28/1791	3/26/1864
7. James Young (D)	1844–48	Lafayette	5/11/1800	1/9/1868
8. Thomas Lawson Price (U) <sup>1</sup>	1848–52	Cole	1/19/1809	7/15/1870
9. Wilson Brown (D) <sup>2</sup>	1853–57	Cape Girardeau	8/27/1804	8/27/1855
10. Hancock Lee Jackson (D)	1857–61	Randolph	5/12/1796	3/19/1876
11. Thomas Cate Reynolds (D)	1860–61	St. Louis	10/11/1821	3/30/1887
12. William Willard Preble Hall (U) <sup>1, 3</sup>	1861–64	Buchanan	5/ 9/1820	11/3/1882
13. George Smith (R)	1865–69	Caldwell	2/2/1809	7/14/1881
14. Edwin Obed Standard (R) <sup>4</sup>	1869–71	St. Louis	1/5/1832	3/12/1914
15. Joseph Jackson Gravely (R) <sup>5</sup>	1871–73	Cedar	9/25/1828	4/28/1872
16. Charles Phillip Johnson (R) <sup>5</sup>	1873–75	St. Louis	1/8/1836	5/21/1920
17. Norman J. Colman (D)	1875–77	St. Louis	3/16/1827	11/3/1911
18. Henry Clay Brockmeyer (D)	1877–81	St. Louis City	8/12/1828	7/26/1906
19. Robert Alexander Campbell (D)	1881–85	St. Louis City	9/2/1832	4/2/1926
20. Albert Pickett Morehouse (D)	1885–89	Nodaway	7/11/1835	9/23/1891
21. Stephen Hugh Claycomb (D)	1889–93	Jasper	8/11/1847	6/6/1930
22. John Baptiste O'Meara (D)	1893–97	St. Louis City	6/24/1852	7/22/1926
23. August Henry Bolte (D)	1897–1901	Franklin	9/3/1854	6/24/1920
24. John Adams Lee (D)	1901–03	St. Louis City	6/28/1851	10/10/1928
25. Thomas Lewis Rubey (D) <sup>6</sup>	1903–04	Laclede	Unknown	9/2/1928
26. John C. McKinley (R)	1905–09	Putnam	11/20/1859	5/1/1927
27. Jacob Friedrich Gmelich (R)	1909–13	Cooper	7/23/1839	2/21/1914
28. William Rock Painter (D)	1913–17	Carroll	8/27/1863	7/1/1947
29. Wallace Crossley (D)	1917–21	Johnson	10/4/1874	12/13/1943
30. Hiram Lloyd (R)	1921–25	St. Louis	7/27/1875	9/10/1942
31. Phillip Allen Bennett (R)	1925–29	Dallas	3/5/1881	12/7/1942
32. Edward Henry Winter (R)	1929–33	Cole	4/5/1879	6/29/1941
33. Frank Gaines Harris (D) <sup>7</sup>	1933–45	Boone	4/25/1871	12/30/1944
34. Walter Naylor Davis (D)	1945–49	St. Louis	11/29/1876	9/16/1951
35. James T. Blair Jr. (D) <sup>7</sup>	1949–57	Cole	3/15/1902	7/12/1962
36. Edward V. Long (D)	1957–61	Pike	7/18/1908	11/6/1972
37. Hilary A. Bush (D)	1961–65	Jackson	6/21/1905	5/11/1966
38. Thomas F. Eagleton (D)	1965–69	St. Louis	9/4/1929	3/4/2007
39. William S. Morris (D)	1969–73	Jackson	11/8/1919	3/5/1975
40. William C. Phelps (R) <sup>7</sup>	1973–81	Jackson	4/5/1934	
41. Kenneth J. Rothman (D)	1981–85	St. Louis	10/11/1935	
42. Harriett Woods (D)	1985–89	St. Louis	6/2/1927	2/8/2007
43. Mel Carnahan (D)	1989–93	Phelps	2/11/1934	10/16/00
44. Roger B. Wilson (D) <sup>7</sup>	1993–2000	Boone	10/10/1948	
45. Joe Maxwell (D) <sup>8</sup>	2000–05	Audrain	3/17/1957	
46. Peter D. Kinder (R)	2005	Cape Girardeau	5/12/1954	

<sup>1</sup>Unionist. <sup>2</sup>Wilson Brown died in office in August 1855. The office remained vacant until the 1856 election.

<sup>3</sup>Hall was elected provisional lieutenant governor by the Missouri State Convention on July 31, 1861. The office had been declared vacated after Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson joined the Confederacy.

<sup>4</sup>The Constitution of 1865 shortened Lt. Gov. terms to two years. In 1876, terms went back to four years.

<sup>5</sup>Liberal. <sup>6</sup>Was president pro tem of Senate and served as lieutenant governor following Lee's resignation.

<sup>7</sup>Some held multiple terms as lieutenant governor. In consideration of space, they are listed here only once.

<sup>8</sup>Maxwell became Missouri's 45th lieutenant governor finishing the remaining months of Roger Wilson's term, who became governor on October 17th, 2000, upon the death of Mel Carnahan.