



Minnesota Office of Lt. Governor Statutory Duties

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Summary

The Minnesota lieutenant governor has eight (8) statutory duties. These duties include capitol area security and planning, calling the convening session day to order, and any function delegated to the lieutenant governor by the governor.

Citations

Statutory duties of Lieutenant Governor as prescribed by Minnesota Statutes (Minn. Stat.):

1. Shall call to order the senate on convening day (Minn. Stat. 2015, Ch 3, sec. 3.05)
2. Any powers, duties, responsibilities and functions of the governor maybe delegated to the lieutenant governor by the governor (except Constitutional duties) (Minn. Stat. 2015, Ch 4, sec. 4.04, sub 2)
3. Is the successor to the governor in event of vacancy in the office (Minn. Stat. 2015, Ch 4, sec. 4.06)
4. Is a member of the Executive Council (Minn. Stat. 2015, Ch 9, sec 9.011)
5. Is a member of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (Minn. Stat. 2015, Ch 15B, sec 15B.03)
6. Is a member of the State Capitol Preservation Commission (Minn. Stat. 2015, Ch 15B, sec 15B.32)
7. May visit state correctional facilities (Minn. Stat. 2015, Ch 243, sec. 243.48)
8. Serves as chair of the advisory committee on Capitol Area Security (Minn. Stat. 2015, Ch 299E, sec 299E.04)

The Minnesota **Constitution** states that the Lieutenant Governor:

1. Shall be governor in case a vacancy occurs from any cause whatever in the office of governor (Minn. Cons. Art 5, sec 5)

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