



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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The nation will have twenty-six (26) new seconds-in-command across the states this year/in early 2011, as follows: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wisconsin. The territory of Guam also elected a new lieutenant governor.

The following analysis includes the fifty known lieutenant governors / officials first in line of gubernatorial succession (*as of December 14, 2010*), who will be inaugurated through December of 2010 and January of 2011.

Some lieutenant governors are elected to office in the general election on a ticket with the governor while others are elected independently of the governor in the general election. For this reason and sometimes due to other circumstance, a governor and lieutenant governor (or the official first in line of succession) may be of different parties. (see “Method of Election” on NLGA web site at www.nlga.us).

As of December 14, 2010, six states are slated to have a governor and lieutenant governor (or official first in line of succession) of opposite parties and one state with an official holding both positions. The states are as follows: Arkansas (D/R), Missouri (D/R), Montana (D/R), New Hampshire (D/R)*, Rhode Island (I/D), and Vermont (D/R). In Montana, the governor and lieutenant governor ran together on the general election ticket as a cross-party team. *It is noted that the official first in line of gubernatorial succession in New Hampshire is the Senate President (not a statewide elected official). In West Virginia, the lieutenant governor/senate president succeeded to governor. The West Virginia Acting Governor (former Lt. Governor/Senate President) retains the position of Senate President while serving as Acting Governor.



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NLGA is frequently asked for various demographic analyses of its officeholders. Some researchers contend the office of lieutenant governor affords greater diversity in executive branch governance.

At this writing, the new class of NLGA members for the states will include 38 males and 12 females.

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