



Alabama Office of Lt. Governor Statutory Duties

As of June 2, 2016

Summary

The Alabama lieutenant governor has more than thirty (30) statutory duties. These duties include serving as a member of more than 20 boards or entities, and appointing 400 positions to approximately 167 boards and commissions. The state **constitution** says the lieutenant governor shall be president of the senate.

The lieutenant governor has additional duties created by the state constitution, Governor's executive order, legislative act, and the Rules of the Senate. For example, chairing the Alabama Job Creation & Military Stability Commission is a significant duty of the office, but that duty is established by legislative resolution rather than statute. This paper addresses statutory duties.

Citations

Statutory duties of Lieutenant Governor as prescribed by the Code of Alabama of 1975 (Ala. Code):

1. Operates his or her own independent office, including personnel (Ala. Code 26-24-30).
2. Serves as the final level of appeal in the Administrative Procedures Act (Ala. Code 41-22-23).
3. Approves out-of-state travel for members of the Senate (Ala. Code 36-7-21(b)).
4. Receives the resignation of the Governor (Ala. Code 36-9-11).
5. May swear in members of the Legislature and subordinate officers of the Senate (Ala. Code 29-1-6 and 29-4-21).
6. Serves as a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on Public Accounts (Ala. Code 41-5-18).
7. Serves as a member of the State Executive Commission on Community Services Grants (Ala. Code 41-24A-1).
8. Serves as a member of the Legislative Council (Ala. Code 29-6-2).
9. Serves as a member of the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Finances and Budget (Ala. Code 29-2-81).
10. Serves as a member of the Permanent Joint Legislative Municipal Government Committee (Ala. Code 29-2-62).
11. Serves as a member of the Permanent Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Management of State-Owned and Leased Real Property. (Ala. Code 41-[newly created, unnumbered]; Act 2015-435
12. Serves as a member of the Alabama Historical Commission (Ala. Code 41-9-243).
13. Serves as a member of the Mental Health Board of Trustees (Ala. Code 22-50-5).
14. Serves as a member of the Fair Ballot Commission Ala. Code 17-6-81).
15. Serves as a member of the Criminal Justice Information Center Commission (Ala. Code 41-9-592).
16. Serves as a member of the Committee on Compensation for Wrongful Incarceration (Ala. Code 29-2-152).
17. Serves as a member of the Synfuels Development Authority (Ala. Code 9-6A-6).

18. Serves as a member of the Alabama State Parks System Improvement Corporation (Ala. Code 9-14A-4).
19. Serves as a member of the Alabama Public Historical Sites and Parks Improvement Corporation (Ala. Code 9-14A-5).
20. Serves as a member of the Alabama Forensic Sciences Bond Authority (Ala. Code 16-18B-3).
21. Serves as a member of the Alabama Drinking Water Finance Authority (Ala. Code 22-23B-4).
22. Serves as a member of the Tombigbee Valley Development Authority (Ala. Code 33-17-6).
23. Serves as a member of the Alabama Land Recycling Finance Authority (Ala. Code 22-30F-5).
24. Serves as a member of the Alabama Water Pollution Control Authority (Ala. Code 22-34-4).
25. Serves as a member of the Alabama Land Bank Authority Board (Ala. Code 24-9-5).
26. Serves as a member of the Alabama Toll Road, Bridge and Tunnel Authority (Ala. Code 23-2-143).
27. Serves as a member of the nominating committee for the Board of Pardons and Paroles (Ala. Code 15-22-20).
28. Serves as a member of the Gulf State Park Project Committee (Ala. Code 9-14E-5).
29. Shall appoint more than 400 positions to approximately 167 boards and commissions, including:
 - a) the Ethics Commission. §36-25-3
 - b) the Permanent Legislative Committee on Reapportionment. §29-2-51
 - c) the Workforce Council. §16-66-2
 - d) the State Port Authority. §33-13-6
 - e) the State Personnel Board. §36-26-5
 - f) the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee. §29-2-40
 - g) the Joint Legislative Transportation Committee. §29-2-2
 - h) the Children's Policy Council. §26-24-30
 - i) the Alabama College Education Savings Program (College Counts 529 Plan) Board. §16-33C-4
 - j) the Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Board. §16-33C-4.1
 - k) the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. §16-5-2
 - l) the Public Charter School Commission (via recommendation to the State Board of Education). §16-[newly created, unnumbered]; Act 2015-3
 - m) the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy Policy. §29-2-272
 - n) the Commission on Uniform State Laws. §41-9-370

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

1. Shall be President of the Senate (Section 117).

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