



New Jersey Office of Lt. Governor Data Sheet

As of August 22, 2016

History of Office

The Office of the Lt. Governor of New Jersey was created when the state legislature passed resolutions for a proposed constitutional amendment to create the position of Lt. Governor in 2005. The proposed amendment was put to popular referendum in the 2005 election where it passed. The first election for Lt. Governor was in 2009.¹

Origins of the Office

The Office of the Lt. Governor of New Jersey was established with referendum of 2005 and the election of the first lieutenant governor in 2009.

Qualifications for Office

The Council of State Governments (CSG) publishes the Book of the States (BOS) 2015. In chapter 4, Table 4.13 lists the Qualifications and Terms of Office for lieutenant governors: [The Book of the States 2015 \(CSG\) at www.csg.org](#).

Method of Election

The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) maintains a list of the methods of electing gubernatorial successors at: <http://www.nlga.us/lt-governors/office-of-lieutenant-governor/methods-of-election/>.

Duties and Powers

A lieutenant governor may derive responsibilities one of four ways: from the Constitution, from the Legislature through statute, from the governor (thru gubernatorial appointment or executive order), thru personal initiative in office, and/or a combination of these. The principal and shared constitutional responsibility of every gubernatorial successor is to be the first official in the line of succession to the governor's office.

Succession to Office of Governor

None.

¹ State of New Jersey Governor's Office Web Site, Office of Lt. Governor - <http://nj.gov/governor/admin/lt/>