



Hawaii Office of Lt. Governor Data Sheet

As of May 30, 2016

History of Office

The Office of the Lt. Governor of Hawaii was created in 1959.¹

Origins of the Office

The Office of the Lt. Governor of Hawaii was established with the Constitution of 1950 and subsequently approved by Congress in 1959 with statehood.²

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 <http://www.lrbhawaii.org/con/>

² Ibid