



Kansas Office of Lt. Governor Data Sheet

As of June 2, 2016

History of Office

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Origins of the Office

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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

Governor Charles L. Robinson was impeached in 1861, but not convicted or removed.² Governor Samuel Johnson Crawford resigned in 1868 for military service and was succeeded by his Lt. Governor, Nehemiah Green.³ In 1950, Lt. Governor Frank L. Hagaman became Governor when Governor Frank Carlson resigned to take an elected seat in the U.S. Senate; Hagaman finished out the term. Governor Fred Hall resigned in 1957 with eleven days left in his term. Lt. Governor John McCuish succeeded for the remainder of the term and appointed Hall to the Kansas Supreme Court.⁴ Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson succeeded to Governor when Kathleen Sebelius resigned to be U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services in 2009.⁵

¹ Kansas Constitution of 1860 – On line <http://kslib.info/405/Kansas-Constitution>

² National Governors Association, Former Governors Bios

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Ibid