



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS INCREASE TREND TO GOVERNORSHIPS

Both of yesterday's gubernatorial victors served as lieutenant governor

When the nation's gubernatorial inaugurations are complete in January of 2012, fifteen (15) of the state's sitting governors will be former lieutenant governors (*in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia*). This includes Mississippi Lt. Governor Phil Bryant elected governor-elect last night and Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear who was re-elected.

"Well more than one-fifth (1/5) of all sitting governors in 2012 are slated to be former lieutenant governors," said National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) Executive Director Julia Hurst. "This is notably above the average number of governors at any given time who once served as lieutenant governor which typically hovers around eight (8)."

Seven of those sitting governors will have been NLGA Executive Committee members and two will have served as NLGA Chair.

The nation will have two (2) new seconds-in-command across the states this year, as follows: Kentucky Lt. Governor-elect Jerry Abramson (D) and Mississippi Lt. Governor-elect Tate Reeves (R). Their election maintains the existing party split among the nation's lieutenant governors.

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