



# **North Carolina Office of Lt. Governor Data Sheet**

*As of August 26, 2016*

## **History of Office**

The Office of the Lt. Governor of North Carolina was established with the Constitution of 1868.<sup>1</sup>

## **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**

In 1871, Governor William Woods Holden was impeached and Lt. Governor Tod Robinson Caldwell finished the term and was then elected in his own right in 1872. Lt. Governor Curtis Hooks Brogden succeeded to office in 1874 when Caldwell died in office. In 1879, Lt. Governor Thomas Jordan Jarvis succeeded to office when Governor Zebulon Vance resigned to take a seat in the U.S. Senate. In 1891, upon the death of Governor Daniel G. Fowle, Lt. Governor Thomas Michael Holt succeeded to office finishing the term. In 1954 upon the death of Governor William B. Umstead, Lt Governor Luther H. Hodges succeeded to office and then was elected in his own right. Hodges later became the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> North Carolina Constitution of 1868

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Governors/lt\\_governors\\_nc.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Governors/lt_governors_nc.html)

<sup>3</sup> National Governors Association, Former Governor Bios