



# **Rhode Island Office of Lt. Governor Statutory Duties**

*As of September 6, 2016*

## **Summary**

The Rhode Island lieutenant governor has eighteen (18) statutory duties. These duties include chairing three commissions and serving on four other boards, and making about 20 appointments to various boards and commissions. The lieutenant governor chairs councils on emergency management, small business and intergovernmental relations and impacts other areas from long term care and homelessness to interstate cooperation.

## **Citations**

Statutory duties of Lieutenant Governor as prescribed by Rhode Island General Laws (RI Gen. Law):

1. Serve as Chair of the state Small Business Advisory Council (RI Gen. Law Section 42-91-2).
2. Appoint three members to the Small Business Advisory Council (RI Gen. Law Section 42-91-2).
3. Serve as Chair of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council (RI Gen. Law Section 30-15-6).
4. Serve as (or designate) a member of the Long-term Care Coordinating Council (RI Gen. Law Section 23-17.3-2).
5. Appoint seven (7) members of the Long-term Care Coordinating Council as prescribed by law (RI Gen. Law Section 23-17.3-2).
6. Appoint two members of the Plastic Recycling and Litter Commission (RI Gen. Law Section 21-27.1-3).
7. Appoint one member to the Pesticide Relief Advisory Board established (RI Gen. Law Section 23-25.2-3).
8. Serve as a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission (RI Gen. Law Section 25-2-18.1).
9. Appoint three members of the Committee on Naval Affairs (RI Gen. Law Section 30-29-1).
10. Appoint one member of the Savings Bond Advisory Board (RI Gen. Law Section 35-15-3).
11. May administer an oath anywhere within the state (RI Gen. Law Section 36-2-1).

12. Appoint two members to the Governor's Council on Behavioral Health (RI Gen. Law 40.1-29-3).
13. Serve as (or designate) a member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (RI Gen. Law 40-17).
14. Appoint two members, one from an environmental group and one from the general public, to the Rhode Island Aqua Fund (RI Gen. Law 42-106-3).
15. Serve as Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Council (RI Gen. Law 42-131-2).
16. Serve as a member of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation (RI Gen. Law 42-23-2).
17. Appoint three members to the American and Canadian French cultural exchange commission (RI Gen. Law 42-58-1).
18. Appoint three members to the Minority Groups Advisory Commission (RI Gen. Law 42-77-1).

As of September of 2016, the lieutenant governor was also named lead on a range of efforts strengthening municipalities for future growth (Executive Order 15-06).

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