



Utah Office of Lt. Governor Statutory Duties

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Summary

The Utah lieutenant governor has five (5) statutory duties. These duties include serving as the state's chief election officer, keeper of the seal, and to determine classifications of certain local cities. Statute specifies the lieutenant governor may head an additional department or serve on any board or the like as designated by the governor. Statute also specifies the legislative intent of the role of the lieutenant governor.

Citations

Statutory duties of Lieutenant Governor as prescribed by Utah Code (Utah Code):

1. Statutory Intent of Legislature for the office of lieutenant governor:
"It is the intent of the Legislature to emphasize the significant responsibilities and duties assigned to the lieutenant governor of the state. As the second highest official of the state, the lieutenant governor is next in command of the executive department in the event of death, removal, resignation, or disability of the governor. The assignment of important responsibilities to the lieutenant governor is essential to the continuity of state government and for the effective use of funds appropriated to the office of lieutenant governor." (Utah Code 67-1a)
2. Shall perform duties as delegated by the governor including as head of a department (with the consent of the Senate), as chair of any cabinet group, as liaison to the Legislature, as liaison to other government official, as personal advisor to the governor, and/or as chair of any board, council, commission, committee, or task force or in lieu of the governor on boards or commissions (Utah Code 67-1a).
3. Shall serve as chief election officer of the state (Utah Code 67-1a).
4. Shall keep custody of and affix the state seal (Utah Code 67-1a).
5. Shall determine the classification of new cities and new metro townships. (Utah Code 67-1a).

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