



# **Washington Office of Lt. Governor Statutory Duties**

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## **Summary**

The Washington lieutenant governor has fifty-four (54) statutory duties, including serving as senate president, acting as governor when the governor is out of state, and chairing the economic development and international relations committee. The lieutenant governor also statutorily serves on 10 committees or boards and makes appointments to 41 different committee or commissions.

## **Citations**

Statutory duties of Lieutenant Governor as prescribed by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW):

The statute specifies “that by consolidating the duties and responsibilities of the office of lieutenant governor under one chapter, it keeps our statutes consistent among the different statewide elected offices and greater facilitates the understanding of the role of the office of lieutenant governor and its many statutorily defined duties and responsibilities.”

1. Serves as President of the senate. (RCW 43-15)
2. Acts as governor when the governor is out of state. (RCW 43-15)
3. Serves as a member of the following ten (10) committees or boards: Senate Committee on Rules, capitol furnishings preservation committee, state higher education facilities authority, Productivity board, state finance committee, state capitol committee, state health care facilities authority, state medal of merit nominating committee, the Medal of valor committee, and the association of Washington Generals. (RCW 43-15)
4. Appoints persons to 41 different committees and commissions. (RCW 43-15)
5. Chairs the Joint Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations (RCW 43-15).

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