



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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Lieutenant Governors Growing in 2009

As the nation enters 2009, the number of lieutenant governors in the nation will grow and several sitting lieutenant governors will move up to the role of governor.

“The nation enters January of 2009 with 44 lieutenant governors,” said NLGA Director Julia Hurst. “New Jersey will elect its first lieutenant governor in November of 2009, bringing to 45 the number of lieutenant governors in the country.”

Including New Jersey, twenty-five (25) states elect their governor and lieutenant governor on a team ticket in the general election, while twenty (20) states elect these officials separately in the general election. “This means the governor and lieutenant governor may be of different parties,” said Hurst. These totals include Tennessee and West Virginia. Both states use the title “Lieutenant Governor” for the Senate President who is first in line of gubernatorial succession, but that official is not a statewide elected official.

“All NLGA members share one duty in common, being first in line of gubernatorial succession,” said Hurst. “Beyond that, lieutenant governors derive their powers from the Constitution, statute, gubernatorial assignment, and/or personal initiative.”

“In this decade, fifteen lieutenant governors have succeeded to governor and two NLGA members are awaiting gubernatorial succession,” said Hurst. This reflects activity from 2000 through December 20, 2008. Two governors are awaiting confirmation for the President-elect’s Cabinet (in Arizona and New Mexico). # # # # #

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The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) was founded in 1962 and serves all state and territorial officials who are first in line of gubernatorial succession. A roster of lieutenant governors is posted at www.nlga.us. The roster lists the title, officeholder and party of each NLGA member. NLGA is an affiliate of The Council of State Governments (CSG).

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