



Indiana Office of Lt. Governor Statutory Duties

As of April 18, 2016

Summary

The Indiana lieutenant governor has twenty-six (26) statutory duties. These duties include serving as Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. The lieutenant governor oversees the offices of tourism, defense development, and small business and entrepreneurship. S/he chairs the Councils leading Tourism, Counterterrorism and Security, and Main Street. The lieutenant governor also has duties including industrial development, senior citizens, housing, energy, and more. The state **constitution** says the lieutenant governor shall preside over the senate.

Citations

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

1. Serve as Secretary of Agriculture overseeing the State Department of Agriculture (IC 4-4-2.3-1)
2. Serve as Secretary of Rural Development overseeing the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (IC 4-4-9.7-3)
3. Oversee the Office of Tourism Development including designating & supervising the Director (IC 5-29-2-3)
4. Oversee the Office of Defense Development including designating & supervising the Director (IC 4-4-34-5)
5. Oversee the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship including designating & supervising the Director (IC 4-4-35-4)
6. Serve as a member of the Housing and Community Development Authority (IC 5-20-1-3)
7. Serve as a member of the Military Base Planning Council (IC 4-3-21-4)
8. Serve as chairman of the Tourism Council (IC 5-29-4-3)
9. Serve as chairman of the Counterterrorism and Security Council (IC 10-19-8-3)
10. Serves as chairman of the Main Street Council by virtue of being Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development (*ref. IC 4.4-2.3-1*) (IC 4-4-16-2)
11. Serve as a member of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (IC 4-23-24.2-7)
12. Serve as a member of the Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (IC 4-23-28-4)

13. Appoints a member to the Commission on Industrial Development (IC 36-7-13-5)
14. Serve as vice chairman of the Indiana Career Council (IC 22-4.5-9-6)
15. Compile and maintain membership list for the Coalition to Support Indiana Seniors (IC 24-4.6-4-5)
16. To distribute flown state flags not claimed (IC 1-2-3-3)
17. Administer the Community Services Block Grant (IC 4-4-33-1)
18. Administer the Housing Assistance Act (IC 4-4-33-1)
19. Administer home energy assistance and LIHEAP programs (IC 4-4-33-1)
20. Administer weatherization programs (IC 4-4-33-1)
21. Administer migrant and farm worker programs (IC 4-4-33-1)
22. Administer the shelter plus care program (IC 4-4-33-1)
23. Administer the emergency shelter grant programs (IC 4-4-33-1)
24. Authorize Local Economic Development Grants for housing rehabilitation (IC 5-28-11-6)
25. Call to order any State Convention concerning United States Constitutional Convention (IC 3-10-5-26)
26. Appoint a member to the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau (IC 6-9-2-3)

The Indiana **Constitution** states that the Lieutenant Governor:

1. Shall become Governor if the Governor resigns or dies in office, and Act as Governor in the event of incapacitation of the governor (Art 5 Sec 10)
2. Preside over the Indiana Senate (Art 5 Sec 21)
3. Cast the tiebreaking vote in the event of an equally divided Indiana Senate vote (Art 5 Sec 21)

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