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| Alabama | Article 5, Section 127 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | Attorney General | State Auditor | Secretary of State | State Treasurer | | | | |
| Alaska | Chapter 3, Sections 3.9-3.14 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Samoa | Article IV | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the House | | | | | | | | |
| Arizona | Article 5, Section 6 | Governor | Secretary of State | Attorney General | State Treasurer | Superintendent of Public Education | | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | Article 6, Sections 12-13; Constitutional Amendment 6, 7, 8 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the Assembly | | | | | | | | |
| California | Article 5, Section 10, CAL GOV CODE § 12058, CAL GOV CODE § 12061 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President pro Tempore of the Senate | Speaker of the Assembly | Secretary of State | Attorney General | Treasurer | Controller | Superintendent of Public Instruction | Insurance Commissioner | Chair of Board of Equalization | |
| Colorado | Article 4, Section 13 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate (who is a member of the same party of the Governor) | The Speaker of the House (who is a member of the same party of the Governor) | Minority Leader of the House (who is a member of the same party of the Governor) | Minority Leader of the Senate (who is of the same party as the Governor) | | | | | | |
| Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands | Article 3, Section 7 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the House | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | Article 4, Sections 18-21 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | | | | | | | | | |
| Delaware | Article 3, Section 20 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Secretary of State | Attorney General | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | | | | | | |
| District of Columbia | Title IV - District Charter, Section 421, Part B | Mayor | Chairman of DC Council | | | | | | | | | | |
| Florida | Article 4, Section 3 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Attorney General | Chief Financial Officer | Commissioner of Agriculture | | | | | | | |
| Georgia | Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph 5 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | | | | | | | | | | |
| Guam | Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 1, § 1101 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Speaking or Acting Speaker of Guam Legislature | | | | | | | | | |
| Hawaii | Article 4, Section 4: Statute § 26-2 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | Attorney General | Director of Finance | The Comptroller | The Director of Taxation | The Director of Human Resources Development | | | |
| Idaho | Article 4, Sections 12-14 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | | | | | | | | | |
| Illinois | Article 4, Sections 6-7 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Attorney General | Secretary of State | | | | | | | | |
| Indiana | Article 5, Sections 10-11 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | The Speaker of the House of Representatives | The President Pro Tempore of the Senate | Treasurer of the State | Auditor of the State | Secretary of State | State Superintendent of Public Instruction | | | | |
| Iowa | Article 4, Sections 17-19 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | | | | | | | | |

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| Kansas | Article 1, Section 11 & KSA Statute 75-125 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | The Speaker of the House of Representatives | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | Sections 84, 85, and 87 & KRS 118.710 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate (if the Senate is in session) | Attorney General (if the Senate is not in session) | State Auditor (if the Senate is not in session and the Attorney General fails to qualify) | | | | | | | |
| Louisiana | Constitution Article IV | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Attorney General | Treasurer | Presiding Officer of the Senate | Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives | | | | | | |
| Maine | Article 5, Part 1, Sections 14-15 | Governor | Senate President | Speaker of the House of Representatives | Secretary of State | | | | | | | | |
| Maryland | Article 2, Section 6 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | | | | | | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | Constitution of Massachusetts, Part 2, c. 2, § 2, Art. III | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Secretary of State | Attorney General | Treasurer and Receiver General | State Auditor | | | | | | |
| Michigan | Article 5, Sections 26-27 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Secretary of State | Attorney General | | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota | Article 5, Section 5 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | Secretary of State | State Auditor | Attorney General | | | | | |
| Mississippi | Article 5, Section 131 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate Pro Tempore | Speaker of the House of Representatives | | | | | | | | |
| Missouri | Article 4, Sections 11(a) - 11© | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | Speaker of the House | Secretary of State | State Auditor | State Treasurer | Attorney General | | | | |
| Montana | Article 6, Sections 6 & 14 & 2009 Revised Statutes: 2-16-513-521. | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the House | Senior Member of the Legislature (if tie then the Eldest of Senior Member of the Legislature to the Youngest) | | | | | | | |
| Nebraska | Article 4, Section 16 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Speaker of the Legislature | | | | | | | | | |
| Nevada | The Legislature under its authority of Article 4, Section 37 Section 223.080 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | Speaker of the Assembly | Secretary of State | | | | | | | |
| New Hampshire | NH Const. Pt. 2 Art. 49 | Governor | Senate President | Speaker of the House | Secretary of State | State Treasurer | | | | | | | |

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| New Jersey | Article 5, Section 1, Paragraphs 6-9 & Article IV, Section VI, Paragraph 7 the Legislature adopted the "Emergency Interim Executive Succession Act", N.J.S.A. 52:14A-1 et seq. | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the General Assembly | Attorney General | State Highway Commissioner (Commissioner of Transportation) | | | | | | |
| New Mexico | Article 5, Section 7 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Secretary of State | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | Speaker of the House | | | | | | | |
| New York | Article 4, Sections 5-6 & the NYS Defense Emergency Act Article I-A (NYS DEA) | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the Assembly | Attorney General | Comptroller | Commissioner of Transportation | Commissioner of Health | Commissioner of Commerce | Industrial Commissioner | Chairman of the Public Service Commission | Secretary of State |
| North Carolina | Article 3, Section 3 & Statutes § 147-11.1 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Senate President Pro Tempore | Speaker of the House | Secretary of State | Auditor of the State | Treasurer | Superintendent of Public Instruction | Attorney General | Commissioner of Agriculture | Commissioner of Labor | Commissioner of Insurance |
| North Dakota | Article 5, Section 11 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Secretary of State | | | | | | | | | |
| Ohio | Article 3, Section 15 & Ohio Revised Code, Section 161.03 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | Secretary of State | Treasurer of State | Auditor of State | Attorney General | | | | |
| Oklahoma | Article 6, Sections 15-16 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President pro tempore of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | | | | | | | | |
| Oregon | Article 5, Section 8a | Governor | Secretary of State | State Treasurer | President of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | | | | | | | |
| Pennsylvania | PA Constitution Article 4, Sections 13 and 14 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President pro tempore of the Senate | | | | | | | | | |
| Puerto Rico | July 24, 1952, No. 7, p. 12, § 1, Jan. 10, | Governor | Secretary of State | Secretary of Justice | Secretary of Treasurer | Secretary of Education | Secretary of Labor and Human | Secretary of Transportation | Secretary of Economic | Secretary of Health | Secretary of Agriculture | | |
| Rhode Island | Article 9, Sections 9-10 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | The Speaker of the House of Representatives | | | | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | Article 3, Sections 1.3.110 - 1.3.150 & Article 4, Sections 6, 7, 9, 11-12 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | | | | | | | | |
| South Dakota | Article 4, Section 6 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | Article 3, Section 12 & Acts 1941, ch. 99, § 1; C. Supp. 1950, § 187.1; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 8-105 | Governor | Speaker of the Senate/Lieutenant Governor | Speaker of the House | Secretary of State | Comptroller of the Treasury | | | | | | | |

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| Texas | Article 3, Section 9; Article 4, Sections 3a, 16-18 & Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 147, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | The Speaker of the House of Representatives | Attorney General | The chief justices of the courts of appeals, in the numerical order of the supreme judicial districts the courts serve | | | | | | |
| U.S. Virgin Islands | July 27, 1972, No. 3280, Sess. L. 1972, p. 247; amended June 15, 1984, No. 4964, § 1(b), Sess. L. 1984 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Commissioner of Finance | Attorney General | Director of the Office of Management & Budget | Commissioner of Education | Commissioner of Public Works | Commissioner of Housing, Parks, and Recreation | The Police Commissioner | | | |
| Utah | Article 7, Sections 10-11 & Emergency Interim Succession Act found in Title 63K, Chapter 1 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | President of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Representatives | Attorney General | State Auditor | State Treasurer | | | | | |
| Vermont | VSA, Chapter 7, Section 183 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Speaker of the House of Representatives | President Pro Tempore of the Senate | Secretary of State | State Treasurer | | | | | | |
| Virginia | Virginia Constitution, Article V, Executive, Section 16. | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Attorney General | Speaker of the House of Delegates | House of Delegates convenes to fill vacancy | | | | | | | |
| Washington | Washington State Constitution, Article III, Section 10 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Secretary of State | Treasurer | Auditor | Attorney General | Superintendent of Public Instruction | Commissioner of Public Lands | | | | |
| West Virginia | Article 7, Section 7-8 | Governor | Acting President of the Senate | Speaker of the House of Delegates | | | | | | | | | |
| Wisconsin | Article 5, Section 7-8 | Governor | Lieutenant Governor | Secretary of State | | | | | | | | | |
| Wyoming | Article 4, Section 6 | Governor | Secretary of State | | | | | | | | | | |

Additional Reference http://www.csg.org/policy/documents/TIA_FF_Succession_Law_000.pdf

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