



Texas Office of Lt. Governor Statutory Duties

As of February 1, 2017

Summary

The Texas lieutenant governor has more than eighty (80) statutory duties, including administering oaths, and creating emergency interim succession. The lieutenant governor also statutorily serves as a member or joint chair of or appoints members to more than 70 boards and commissions.

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Statutory duties of Lieutenant Governor as prescribed by the Texas Code:

1. Serves as a member or joint chair of:
 - a. Appropriations, Committee to Adopt a Limit on the Rate of Growth of
 - b. Bond Review Board, Texas
 - c. Cash Management Committee
 - d. Competitive Government, State Council on
 - e. Homeland Security Council
 - f. Legislative Audit Committee (Joint Chair)
 - g. Legislative Budget Board (Joint Chair)
 - h. Legislative Council, Texas (Joint Chair)
 - i. Legislative Library Board
 - j. Medal of Honor Nominating Committee, Texas Legislative
 - k. Preservation Board, State
 - l. State-Federal Relations Advisory Policy Board, Office of
2. Prior approval of funds awarded by Texas Enterprise Fund (with Speaker)
3. May appoint 2 scholarship recipients for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Fund
4. Appoints an employee to distribute Senate Journals
5. May designate emergency legislative successors if a senator has failed to do so (Emergency Interim Succession)
6. May request Economic Impact Statements from agencies for bills
7. May administer oaths
8. Approves allocation of office space for Senate
9. May set certain personnel policies for the Senate
10. Recipient of numerous reports from agencies and boards (with Governor and Speaker)
11. Appoints one or more members to the following:
 - a. Adult Offender Supervision, Texas State Council for Interstate
 - b. Aging, Legislative Committee on
 - c. Agriculture Policy Board
 - d. Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, Texas Council on
 - e. Bioenergy Policy Council, Texas
 - f. Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Oversight Committee
 - g. Cemetery Committee, State
 - h. Charitable Campaign Policy Committee, State Employee
 - i. Communities in Schools Advisory Committee
 - j. Criminal Justice Legislative Oversight Committee

- k. CSG-WEST/SLC--Border Legislative Conference
- l. Cultural Affairs, Advisory Council on
- m. Data Transparency Commission, Interagency
- n. Demographer, Office of State
- o. Developmental Disabilities, Executive Committee of the Office for the Prevention of
- p. Economic Development Stakeholders, Advisory Board of
- q. Economic Incentive Oversight Board
- r. Economic Stabilization Fund, Select Committee to Determine a Sufficient Balance of the
- s. Edwards Aquifer Legislative Oversight Committee
- t. Elections Advisory Committee
- u. Emergency Communications, Commission on State
- v. Emissions Reduction Plan Advisory Board, Texas
- w. Energy Board, Southern States
- x. Energy Council
- y. Environmental Flows Advisory Group
- z. Ethics Commission, Texas
- aa. Facilities Commission, Texas
- bb. Government Facilities, Joint Oversight Committee on
- cc. Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
- dd. Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee
- ee. High School Completion and Success Initiative Council
- ff. Higher Education, Legislative Oversight Committee on
- gg. Holocaust and Genocide Commission, Texas
- hh. Homeless, Texas Interagency Council for the
- ii. Inaugural Committee
- jj. Inaugural Endowment Fund Committee
- kk. Indigent Defense Commission, Governing Board of the Texas
- ll. Interscholastic League Advisory Council
- mm. Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program Advisory Board
- nn. Judicial Commission for Children, Youth, and Families, Permanent
- oo. Judicial Council, Texas
- pp. Legislative Audit Committee (State Auditor)
- qq. Legislative Budget Board
- rr. Legislative Library Board
- ss. Mathematics and Science Advisory Board, Texas Academy of
- tt. Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Fund Advisory Committee
- uu. Partnership Advisory Commission
- vv. Poet Laureate, State Musician, and State Artists Committee, Texas
- ww. Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board
- xx. Preservation Board, State
- yy. Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board, Texas
- zz. Primary Care Residency Advisory Committee
- aaa. Property Value Study Advisory Committee, Comptroller's
- bbb. Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council, Texas
- ccc. Small Business Assistance Advisory Task Force, Office of
- ddd. Small Business Compliance Assistance Advisory Panel
- eee. Sunset Advisory Commission
- fff. Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee
- ggg. Transportation Advisory Committee, Public

- hhh. Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee, State
- iii. Windstorm Insurance Legislative Oversight Board

The Texas **Constitution** defines the following duties for the lieutenant governor:

1. Acting Governor when Governor is Out of State (Art. 4, Sec. 16(c))
2. Succeeds Governor in Case of Vacancy (Art. 4, Sec. 3(a))
3. President of the Senate (Art. 4, Sec. 16(b))
4. Votes in case of tie in the Senate (Art. 4, Sec. 16(b))
5. Votes on all questions in Senate Committee of the Whole (Art. 4, Sec. 16(b))
6. Member, Legislative Redistricting Board of Texas (Art. 3, Sec. 28)

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