

Table 4.1
THE GOVERNORS, 2008

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| Alabama | Bob Riley (R) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | No | LG | 10/31/1944 | AL |
| Alaska | Sarah H. Palin (R) | 4 | 12/06 | 12/10 | ... | 2 | Yes | LG | 2/11/1964 | ID |
| Arizona | Janet Napolitano (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | (k) | SS | 11/29/1957 | NY |
| Arkansas | Mike Beebe (D) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | ... | 2 | No | LG | 12/28/1946 | AR |
| California | Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) | 4 | 11/03 (b) | 1/11 | 1 (b) | 2 | No | LG | 7/30/1947 | Aus. |
| Colorado | Bill Ritter (D) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | ... | 2 | Yes | LG | 9/6/1956 | CO |
| Connecticut | M. Jodi Rell (R) | 4 | 7/04 (c) | 1/11 | 1 (c) | ... | Yes | LG | 6/16/1946 | VA |
| Delaware | Ruth Ann Minner (D) | 4 | 1/01 | 1/09 | 1 | 2 | No | LG | 1/17/1935 | DE |
| Florida | Charlie Crist (R) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | ... | 2 | Yes | LG | 7/24/1956 | PA |
| Georgia | Sonny Perdue (R) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | No | LG | 12/20/1946 | G.A. |
| Hawaii | Linda Lingle (R) | 4 | 12/02 | 12/10 | 1 | 2 | Yes | LG | 6/4/1953 | MO |
| Idaho | C.L. "Butch" Otter (R) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | ... | ... | No | LG | 5/3/1942 | ID |
| Illinois | Rod R. Blagojevich (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | ... | Yes | LG | 12/10/1956 | IL |
| Indiana | Mitch Daniels (R) | 4 | 1/05 | 1/09 | ... | 2 (d) | Yes | LG | 4/7/1949 | PA |
| Iowa | Chet Culver (D) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | ... | ... | Yes | LG | 1/25/1966 | DC |
| Kansas | Kathleen Sebelius (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | Yes | LG | 5/15/1948 | OH |
| Kentucky | Steven L. Beshear (D) | 4 | 12/07 | 12/11 | ... | 2 | Yes | LG | 9/21/1944 | KY |
| Louisiana | Bobby Jindal (R) | 4 | 1/08 | 1/12 | ... | 2 | No | LG | 6/10/1971 | LA |
| Maine | John Baldacci (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | (k) | PS | 1/30/1955 | ME |
| Maryland | Martin O'Malley (D) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | ... | 2 | Yes | LG | 1/18/1963 | MD |
| Massachusetts | Deval L. Patrick (D) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | ... | ... | Yes | LG | 7/31/1956 | IL |
| Michigan | Jennifer Granholm (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | Yes | LG | 2/5/1959 | BC |
| Minnesota | Tim Pawlenty (R) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | ... | Yes | LG | 11/27/1960 | MN |
| Mississippi | Haley Barbour (R) | 4 | 1/04 | 1/12 | 1 | 2 | Yes | LG | 10/22/1947 | MS |
| Missouri | Matt Blunt (R) | 4 | 1/05 | 1/09 | ... | 2 | No | LG | 11/20/1970 | MO |
| Montana | Brian Schweitzer (D) | 4 | 1/05 | 1/09 | ... | 2 (f) | Yes | LG | 9/4/1955 | MT |
| Nebraska | Dave Heineman (R) | 4 | 1/05 (e) | 1/11 | 1 (e) | 2 (d) | No | LG | 5/12/1948 | NE |
| Nevada | James A. Gibbons (R) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | ... | 2 | No | LG | 12/16/1944 | NV |
| New Hampshire | John Lynch (D) | 2 | 1/05 | 1/09 | 1 | ... | (g) | PS | 11/25/1952 | MA |
| New Jersey | Jon Corzine (D) | 4 | 1/06 | 1/10 | ... | 2 | (h) | (h) | 1/1/1947 | IL |
| New Mexico | Bill Richardson (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | Yes | LG | 11/15/1947 | CA |
| New York | David A. Paterson (D) | 4 | 3/08 (n) | 1/11 | ... | ... | Yes | LG (n) | 5/20/1954 | NY |
| North Carolina | Michael F. Easley (D) | 4 | 1/01 | 1/09 | 1 | 2 | No | LG | 3/23/1950 | NC |
| North Dakota | John Hoeven (R) | 4 | 12/00 | 12/08 | 1 | ... | Yes | LG | 3/13/1957 | ND |
| Ohio | Ted Strickland (D) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | ... | 2 (d) | Yes | LG | 8/4/1941 | OH |
| Oklahoma | Brad Henry (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | No | LG | 6/10/1963 | OK |
| Oregon | Ted Kulongoski (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | (g) | SS | 11/5/1940 | MO |
| Pennsylvania | Edward G. Rendell (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | Yes | LG | 1/5/1944 | NY |
| Rhode Island | Don Carcieri (R) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | No | LG | 12/16/1942 | RI |
| South Carolina | Mark Sanford (R) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | No | LG | 5/28/1960 | FL |

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| South Dakota..... | Mike Rounds (R) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | Yes | LG | 10/24/1954 | SD |
| Tennessee..... | Phil Bredesen (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | No | SpS (i) | 11/21/1943 | NJ |
| Texas..... | Rick Perry (R) | 4 | 12/00 (j) | 1/11 | 2 | .. | No | LG | 3/4/1950 | TX |
| Utah..... | Jon M. Huntsman Jr. (R) | 4 | 1/05 | 1/09 | .. | 3 | Yes | LG | 3/26/1960 | CA |
| Vermont..... | Jim Douglas (R) | 2 | 1/03 | 1/09 | 2 | .. | No | LG | 6/21/1951 | MA |
| Virginia..... | Tim Kaine (D) | 4 | 1/06 | 1/10 | .. | (k) | No | LG | 2/26/1958 | MN |
| Washington..... | Christine Gregoire (D) | 4 | 1/05 | 1/09 | .. | .. | No | LG | 3/24/1957 | WA |
| West Virginia..... | Joe Manchin III (D) | 4 | 1/05 | 1/09 | .. | 2 | (g) | PS (i) | 8/24/1947 | WV |
| Wisconsin..... | Jim Doyle (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | .. | Yes | LG | 11/23/1945 | DC |
| Wyoming..... | Dave Freudenthal (D) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | (g) | SS | 10/12/1950 | WY |
| American Samoa..... | Togiola Tulafono (D) | 4 | 4/03 (l) | 1/09 | 1 | 2 | Yes | LG | 2/28/1947 | AS |
| Guam..... | Felix P. Camacho (R) | 4 | 1/03 | 1/11 | 1 | 2 | Yes | LG | 10/30/1957 | Japan |
| No. Mariana Islands..... | Benigno Fitial (C) | 4 | 1/06 | 1/10 | .. | 2 (m) | Yes | LG | 11/27/1945 | CNMI |
| Puerto Rico..... | Anibal Acevedo-Vila (PDP) | 4 | 1/05 | 1/09 | .. | .. | (g) | SS | 2/13/1963 | PR |
| U.S. Virgin Islands..... | John deLoach Jr. (D) | 4 | 1/07 | 1/11 | .. | (d) | Yes | LG | 11/13/1957 | USVI |

Source: The Council of State Governments, March 2008.

Key:

C — Covenant

D — Democrat

PDP — Popular Democratic Party

R — Republican

LG — Lieutenant Governor

SS — Secretary of State

PS — President of the Senate

SpS — Speaker of the Senate

.. — Not applicable

(a) The following also choose candidates for governor and lieutenant governor through a joint nomination process: Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Utah, American Samoa, Guam, No. Mariana Islands and U.S. Virgin Islands.

(b) Governor Schwarzenegger was sworn in on November 17, 2003, after winning the replacement election following the recall vote that removed Governor Gray Davis from office in the same election.

(c) Lieutenant Governor Rell was sworn in as governor on July 1, 2004, after Governor John Rowland resigned.

(d) After two consecutive terms as governor, the candidate must wait four years before becoming eligible to run again.

(e) Governor Heineman, as lieutenant governor, was sworn in as Nebraska's governor on Friday, January 21, 2005, after Governor Johanns resigned on January 20, 2005, upon being confirmed as the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

(f) Absolute limit of eight years of service out of every 16 years.

(g) No lieutenant governor.

(h) New Jersey will elect a lieutenant governor in 2009. The governor and lieutenant governor will be elected jointly. In the event of a permanent vacancy in the office before the inauguration date of the first lieutenant governor, the president of the senate, followed by the speaker of the assembly, would succeed the governor in the event of a permanent vacancy.

(i) Official bears the additional title of "lieutenant governor."

(j) Lieutenant Governor Perry was sworn in on December 21, 2000, to complete President George W. Bush's term as governor of Texas.

(k) Governor cannot serve immediate successive terms, but may be elected to non-consecutive terms.

(l) Governor Tulafono, as lieutenant governor, became governor in April 2003 after Governor Sunia's death.

(m) Absolute two-term limitation, but terms need not be consecutive.

(n) Lieutenant Governor David A. Paterson was sworn in as governor on March 17, 2008, after Governor Eliot Spitzer resigned. The position of lieutenant governor will remain vacant until the general election in 2010. In the event Governor Paterson cannot fulfill his duties, Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno (R) would be next in the line of succession.