

Vote Missouri!

ELECT YOUR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



Is the Lieutenant Governor In the Army?



Missouri's lieutenant governor is not in the army. Although we think of a "lieutenant" as someone in the military, in this case lieutenant means someone who can act in place of the governor. That is one of the things Missouri's lieutenant

governor may have to do. If the governor dies, has to leave the state for a long period of time or becomes very ill or disabled, the lieutenant governor will step into the governor's place. That is why a person who runs for the office of lieutenant governor must have the same qualifications as someone who runs for governor.

The lieutenant governor and the governor, as well as most of Missouri's elected officials, are elected in November every four years.

It would be a boring job just sitting around waiting for the governor to leave the state, get sick or die, so our lieutenant

governor has some other very important roles. The lieutenant governor's main job is to serve as the president of the Missouri Senate, where he or she can vote to break a tie.

Another very important role for the lieutenant governor is making sure our senior citizens have a voice in government and are well cared for.

HELP WANTED

Lieutenant Governor

He or she must be:

- 1 at least 30 years of age
- 2 a citizen of the United States for 15 years
- 3 a resident of Missouri for 10 years before the election

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Lieutenant Governor Facts

1. The lieutenant governor is unique because he or she is part of both the executive and legislative branches.
2. The governor and lieutenant governor do not run for office as a team and it is possible they will be from different political parties.
3. The last lieutenant governor to become governor because of the death of a governor was Roger Wilson when Gov. Mel Carnahan died in a plane crash on Oct. 17, 2000.
4. The only woman lieutenant governor has been Harriet Woods, from 1985–89.

LEARNING EXTENSIONS

- 1 For all grade levels, go to www.ltgov.mo.gov for more information on the office of lieutenant governor.
- 2 Grades 4-6: Discuss why former Lt. Governor Joe Maxwell once said that "working to ensure all Missourians, from our youngest to our oldest, have access to affordable health care" was the most important part of his job. If you were lieutenant governor, would you give this same answer?
- 3 Grades 7-12:

ACTIVITY #1—Do you think Missourians should pass a constitutional amendment requiring the governor and lieutenant governor to run on one ticket like the president and vice-presidential candidates do? Why or why not?

ACTIVITY #2—The vice-president of the United States presides over the U.S. Senate just as Missouri's lieutenant governor presides over the Missouri Senate. Would you support a constitutional amendment that would allow the Missouri Senate to pick its own presiding officer, which is what the House does when it elects the Speaker of the House? Why or why not?

MISSOURI STANDARDS ALIGNMENT:

GLE—SS3-A1, C, CA2, 3, 1.6 (for grades K-8) |
CLE—SS2C, CA 2, 3, 1.6 (for grades 9-12)