

Table 4.9
CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR
NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS
(All terms last four years unless otherwise noted)

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Governor</i>	<i>Lt. Governor</i>	<i>Secretary of state</i>	<i>Attorney general</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Auditor</i>	<i>Comptroller</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Insurance</i>
Alabama	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...
Alaska	2	2	(b)	...	(w)	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	2	(e)	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...
Arkansas	2 (f)	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
California	2	2	2	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	...
Colorado	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Connecticut	N	N	N	N	N	...	N	...	...	...	...
Delaware	2 (f)	2	...	N	N	N	...	...	...	...	N
Florida	2	2	...	2	2 (g)	...	2	N	N	...	(g)
Georgia	2 (a)	N	N	N	...	...	...	N	N	N	N
Hawaii	2	2	(b)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	N	N	N	N	N	...	2	N	...	...	...
Illinois	N	N	N	N	N	...	N	...	...	...	...
Indiana	(h)	2	2	...	(h)	...	2 (i)	...	...	...	...
Iowa	N	N	N	N	N	N	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	2	N	N	N	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	2	2	...
Louisiana	2 (a)	N	N	N	N	...	...	N	N	...	N
Maine	2 (a)	(k)	...	(j)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	2 (a)	2	...	N	...	...	N	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	N	N	N	2	N	N	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	N	N	N	N	(l)	N	...	...	...	...	(m)
Mississippi	2	2 (a)	N	N	N	N	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	2	N	N	N	2 (f)	N	...	...	...	...	...
Montana	2 (n)	2 (n)	2 (n)	2 (n)	...	N	...	2 (n)	...	...	...
Nebraska	2 (a)	2 (a)	N	N	2 (a)	N	...	...	...	...	...
Nevada	2	2	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire	(o)	(k)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Jersey	2 (a)	(k)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Mexico	2 (a)	2 (a)	2 (a)	2 (a)	2 (a)	2 (a)	...	...	...	...	...
New York	N	N	...	N	...	N (c)	N	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	2 (a)	2	N	N	N	N	...	N	N	N	N
North Dakota	N	N	N (q)	N (q)	N	N	...	N	N (q)(r)	N (q)	N
Ohio	2	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
Oklahoma	2 (a)	N	...	N	N	N	...	2 (a)	...	2 (a)	N
Oregon	(h)	(d)	(h)	N	(h)	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pennsylvania	2	2	...	2 (a)	2 (s)	2 (a)	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	2	2 (a)	2 (a)	2 (a)	2 (a)	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	2 (a)	2	N	N	N	...	N	N	N	...	...
South Dakota	2 (a)	2 (a)	2 (a)	2 (a)	2 (a)	...	2	...	...	...	...
Tennessee	2 (a)	(k)	...	(y)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Texas	N	N	...	N	(c)	...	N	...	...	...	...
Utah	3	N	(b)	N	N	N	...	...	...	...	...
Vermont	(o)	(o)	(o)	(o)	(o)	(o)	...	...	...	...	...
Virginia	(t)	(u)	...	(u)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Washington	N	N	N	N	N	N	...	N	...	...	...
West Virginia	2	N (k)	N	N	N	...	N	...	N	...	...
Wisconsin	N	N	N	N	N	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wyoming	2 (n)	(d)	N	...	2	...	2	N	...	...	...
Dist. of Columbia	N (v)	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Samoa	2	2	(b)	...	...	...	(p)	...	...	...	...
Guam	2 (a)	2	(b)	...	...	2	(x)	...	...	...	...
No. Mariana Islands	(h)	N	...	...	...	...	(p)	...	...	...	(m)
Puerto Rico	(a)	(e)	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
U.S. Virgin Islands	2 (a)	2	(c)	...	(e)	...	(e)	...	...	...	(b)

See footnotes at end of table.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS— Continued (All terms last four years unless otherwise noted)

Source: The Council of State Governments survey January 2007 and state constitutions and statutes, February 2007.

Note: All terms last four years unless otherwise noted. Footnotes specify if a position's functions are performed by an appointed official under a different title.

Key:

N — No provision specifying number of terms allowed.

. . . — Position is appointed or elected by governmental entity (not chosen by the electorate).

(a) After two consecutive terms, must wait four years and/or one full term before being eligible again.

(b) Lieutenant Governor performs this function.

(c) Comptroller performs this function.

(d) Secretary of State is next in line to the governorship.

(e) Finance Administrator performs function.

(f) Absolute two-term limitation, but not necessarily consecutive.

(g) Chief Financial Officer performs this function as of January 2003.

(h) Eligible for eight out of any period of twelve years.

(i) State auditor performs this function.

(j) Serves 2 year term and is eligible to serve 4 terms.

(k) President or Speaker of the Senate is next in line of succession to the governorship. In Tennessee, Speaker of the Senate has the statutory title "Lieutenant Governor".

(l) Office of the State Treasurer was abolished on the first Monday in January 2003.

(m) Commerce administrator performs this function.

(n) Eligible for eight out of sixteen years.

(o) Serves two-year term, no provision specifying the number of terms allowed.

(p) State treasurer performs this function.

(q) The terms of the office of the elected officials are four years, except that in 2004 the agricultural commissioner, attorney general, secretary of state and the tax commissioner are elected to a term of two years.

(r) Constitution provides for a secretary of agriculture and labor. However, the legislature was given constitutional authority to provide for (and has provided for) a department of labor distinct from agriculture, and a commissioner of labor distinct from the commissioner of agriculture.

(s) Treasurer must wait four years before being eligible for the office of auditor general.

(t) Cannot serve consecutive terms, but after 4 year respite can seek re-election.

(u) Provision specifying individual may hold office for an unlimited number of terms.

(v) Mayor.

(w) Deputy Commissioner of Department of Revenue performs function.

(x) General services administrator performs function.

(y) Term is for eight years and official is appointed by judges of the State Supreme Court.