

# ATTORNEYS GENERAL

**Table 4.19**  
**THE ATTORNEYS GENERAL, 2014**

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and party</i>	<i>Method of selection</i>	<i>Length of regular term in years</i>	<i>Date of first service</i>	<i>Present term ends</i>	<i>Number of previous terms</i>	<i>Maximum consecutive terms allowed</i>
Alabama .....	Luther Strange (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	2
Alaska .....	Michael Geraghty (R)	A	...	2/1/2012	...	0	...
Arizona .....	Tom Horne (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	2
Arkansas .....	Dustin McDaniel (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2
California .....	Kamala Harris (D)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	2
Colorado .....	John W. Suthers (R)	E	4	1/2005 (a)	1/2015	1 (a)	2
Connecticut .....	George Jepsen (D)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	★
Delaware .....	Joseph R. Biden III (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	★
Florida .....	Pam Bondi (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	2
Georgia .....	Sam Olens (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	★
Hawaii .....	David Louie (D)	A	4 (b)	1/2011	12/2014	0	...
Idaho .....	Lawrence Wasden (R)	E	4	1/2003	1/2015	2	★
Illinois .....	Lisa Madigan (D)	E	4	1/2003	1/2015	2	★
Indiana .....	Greg Zoeller (R)	E	4	1/2009	1/2017	1	★
Iowa .....	Tom Miller (D)	E	4	1/1979 (c)	1/2015	7 (c)	★
Kansas .....	Derek Schmidt (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	★
Kentucky .....	Jack Conway (D)	E	4	12/2007	12/2015	1	2
Louisiana .....	James D. Caldwell (D)	E	4	1/2008	1/2016	1	★
Maine .....	Janet T. Mills (D)	L (d)	2	1/2013	1/2015	1 (m)	4
Maryland .....	Douglas F. Gansler (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	★
Massachusetts .....	Martha Coakley (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	...
Michigan .....	Bill Schuette (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	2
Minnesota .....	Lori Swanson (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	★
Mississippi .....	Jim Hood (D)	E	4	1/2004	1/2016	2	★
Missouri .....	Chris Koster (D)	E	4	1/2009	1/2017	1	★
Montana .....	Tim Fox (R)	E	4	1/2013	1/2017	0	2
Nebraska .....	Jon Bruning (R)	E	4	1/2003	1/2015	2	★
Nevada .....	Catherine Cortez Masto (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2
New Hampshire .....	Joseph A. Foster (D)	A	4	5/2013	1/2017	0	...
New Jersey .....	John Jay Hoffman (p)	A	4	6/2013(p)	(p)	0	...
New Mexico .....	Gary King (D)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2 (e)
New York .....	Eric Schneiderman (D)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	★
North Carolina .....	Roy Cooper (D)	E	4	1/2001	1/2013	2	★
North Dakota .....	Wayne Stenehjem (R)	E	4 (f)	1/2001	12/2014	3 (f)	★
Ohio .....	Mike DeWine (R)	E	4	1/2009 (i)	1/2015	0	2
Oklahoma .....	Scott Pruitt (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	★
Oregon .....	Ellen F. Rosenblum (D)	E	4	6/2012 (n)	1/2017	0	★
Pennsylvania .....	Kathleen Kane (D (g))	E	4	1/2013(g)	1/2017	0	2
Rhode Island .....	Peter Kilmartin (D)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	2
South Carolina .....	Alan Wilson (R)	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	★
South Dakota .....	Martin J. Jackley (R)	E	4	9/2009 (h)	1/2015	1	2 (e)
Tennessee .....	Robert E. Cooper Jr. (D)	(i)	8	11/2006	8/2014	0	...
Texas .....	Greg Abbott (R)	E	4	1/2003	1/2015	2	★
Utah .....	John Swallow (R) (q)	E	4	1/2013	12/2013 (q)	0	★
Vermont .....	William H. Sorrell (D)	E	2	5/1997 (j)	1/2015	7 (j)	★
Virginia .....	Mark Herring (D)	E	4	1/2014	1/2018	0	(k)
Washington .....	Bob Ferguson (D)	E	4	1/2013	1/2017	0	★
West Virginia .....	Patrick Morrisey (R)	E	4	1/2013	1/2017	0	★
Wisconsin .....	J.B. Van Hollen (R)	E	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	★
Wyoming .....	Greg A. Phillips (D)	A (l)	...	3/2011	...	0	...
Dist. of Columbia .....	Irvin Nathan (D)	A	...	1/2011	...	0	...
American Samoa .....	Afoa Leulumoega Lutu	A	4	1/2013	...	1 (o)	...
Guam .....	Lenny Rapadas	E	4	1/2011	1/2015	0	...
No. Mariana Islands...	Joey Patrick San Nicholas	A	4	11/2012	...	0	...
Puerto Rico .....	Luis Sanchez Betances	A	4	1/2013	...	0	...
U.S. Virgin Islands...	Vincent Frazer	A	4	1/2007	1/2015	0	...

See footnotes at end of table.

## THE ATTORNEYS GENERAL, 2014—Continued

*Sources:* National Association of Attorneys General and The Council of State Governments, January 2014.

*Key:*

- ★ — No provision specifying number of terms allowed.
- ... — No formal provision, position is appointed or elected by governmental entity (not chosen by the electorate).
- A — Appointed by the governor.
- E — Elected by the voters.
- L — Elected by the legislature.
- N.A. — Not available.
- (a) Appointed to fill unexpired term in January 2005 and elected to a full term in November 2006.
- (b) Term runs concurrently with the governor.
- (c) Attorney General Miller was elected in 1978, 1982, 1986, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010.
- (d) Chosen biennially by joint ballot of state senators and representatives.
- (e) After two consecutive terms, must wait four years and/or one full term before being eligible again.
- (f) The term of the office of the elected official is four years, except that in 2004 the attorney general was elected for a term of two years.
- (g) Appointed to fill Tom Corbett's unexpired term after he was elected to PA governor's office in May 2011.

(h) Appointed September 4, 2009 to fill Larry Long's unexpired term. AG Long resigned to accept a state judgeship.

- (i) Appointed by judges of state Supreme Court.
- (j) Appointed to fill unexpired term in May 1997. He was elected in 1998 to his first full term.
- (k) Provision specifying individual may hold office for an unlimited number of terms.
- (l) Must be confirmed by the Senate.
- (m) Janet Mills previously served as attorney general from Jan. 2001 through Jan. 2011.
- (n) Rosenblum was appointed by Gov. Kitzhaber on June 29, 2012 to fill the term left vacant when AG John Kroger resigned to become president of Reed College. She was elected in Nov. 2012 to a full term.
- (o) Served as attorney general under the Litali administration from 1985 to 1989.
- (p) On June 6, 2013 Gov. Christie appointed Attorney General Jeff Chiesa to fill the Senate seat left vacant by Sen. Frank Lautenberg's death. Chiesa will hold the seat on an interim basis until a special election can be held on Oct 16, 2013. Currently John Jay Hoffman, former executive assistant attorney general is serving as acting attorney general.
- (q) Resigned the office effective December 3, 2013. Governor Herbert will name a replacement as soon as the Republican Central Committee gives him three names for consideration, as required under Utah law.

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**Table 4.20**  
**ATTORNEYS GENERAL: QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE**

State or other jurisdiction	Minimum age	U.S. citizen (years) (a)	State resident (years) (b)	Qualified voter (years)	Licensed attorney (years)	Membership in the state bar (years)	Method of selection to office
Alabama	25	7	5	★	...	...	E
Alaska	18	★	...	...	★	★	A
Arizona	25	10	5	★	5	...	E
Arkansas	...	...	★	★	...	...	E
California	18	★	★	★	★	5	E
Colorado	27	★	2	★	★	...	E
Connecticut	18	★	★	★	10	10	E
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...	...	E
Florida	30	★	7	★	★	5	E
Georgia	25	10	4	★	7	7	E
Hawaii	...	1	1	...	★	(d)	A
Idaho	30	★	2	...	★	★	E
Illinois	25	★	3	★	★	★	E
Indiana	...	2	2	★	5	...	E
Iowa	18	★	★	...	...	...	E
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...	...	E
Kentucky	30	...	2 (e)	...	8	2	E
Louisiana	25	★	5	★	★	★	E
Maine	...	...	...	...	★	★	(f)
Maryland	...	★(g)	★	...	★	10	E
Massachusetts	18	...	5	★	...	...	E
Michigan	18	★	★	...	★	★	E
Minnesota	21	★	30 days	★	...	...	E
Mississippi	26	★	5	★	5	★	E
Missouri	...	★	1	...	...	...	E
Montana	25	★	2	...	5	★	E
Nebraska	...	...	★	...	...	...	E
Nevada	25	★	2	★	...	...	E
New Hampshire	...	★	★	...	★	★	A (h)
New Jersey	18	...	★	...	...	...	A
New Mexico	30	★	5	★	★	...	E
New York	30	★	5	...	(i)	...	E
North Carolina	21	★	★	★	★	(i)	E
North Dakota	25	★	5	★	★	★	E
Ohio	18	★	★	★	...	...	E
Oklahoma	31	★	★	10	...	...	E
Oregon	18	★	★	★	...	...	E
Pennsylvania	30	★	...	...	...	...	E
Rhode Island	18	...	...	...	★	★	E
South Carolina	...	★	30 days	★	★	★	E
South Dakota	18	★	★	★	(i)	(i)	E
Tennessee	...	...	...	...	...	...	(j)
Texas	...	...	...	...	(i)	(i)	E
Utah	25	★	5 (e)	★	★	★	E
Vermont	18	★	★	★	...	...	E
Virginia	30	★	1 (k)	★	...	5 (k)	E
Washington	18	★	★	★	★	★	E
West Virginia	25	...	5	★	...	...	E
Wisconsin	...	★	★	...	...	...	E
Wyoming	...	★	★	★	4	4	A (l)
Dist. of Columbia	...	...	★	...	★	★	A
American Samoa	...	...	(c)	...	(i)	(i)	A
Guam	...	...	...	...	...	...	A
No. Mariana Islands	...	...	3	...	5	...	A
Puerto Rico	...	★	...	...	★	★	A
U.S. Virgin Islands	...	...	★	★	★	★	A

Sources: The Council of State Governments' survey of attorneys general, state constitutions and statutes, January 2014.

**Key:**

- ★ — Formal provision; number of years not specified.
- ... — No formal provision.
- A — Appointed by governor.
- E — Elected by voters.
- (a) In some states you must be a U.S. citizen to be an elector, and must be an elector to run.
- (b) In some states you must be a state resident to be an elector, and must be an elector to run.
- (c) No statute specifically requires this, but the State Bar Act can be interpreted as making this a qualification.

- (d) No period specified, all licensed attorneys are members of the state bar.
- (e) State citizenship requirement.
- (f) Chosen biennially by joint ballot of state senators and representatives.
- (g) *Crosse v. Board of Supervisors of Elections* 243 Md. 555, 221 A.2d 431 (1966)—opinion rendered indicated that U.S. citizenship was, by necessity, a requirement for office.
- (h) Appointed by the governor and confirmed by the governor and the executive council.
- (i) Implied.
- (j) Appointed by state Supreme Court.
- (k) Same as qualifications of a judge of a court of record.
- (l) Must be confirmed by the Senate.