

How states have selected/and select the Attorney General

State	Selection History
Alabama	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Alaska	Has appointed the attorney general since statehood
Arizona	Has elected the attorney general since statehood – term limit extended in 1970 by constitutional amendment
Arkansas	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
California	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Colorado	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Connecticut	Has elected the attorney general since the office was created in 1897
Delaware	Appointed by the Governor between 1776 and 1897 when the state constitution was ratified making the position an elected office.
Florida	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Georgia	Has been a state executive since 1797. The Georgia Constitution ratified in 1868 made it an elected position
Hawaii	Appointed by the Governor since statehood
Idaho	Has elected the Attorney general since statehood
Illinois	Originally appointed by the Governor, the state constitution was amended in 1978 establishing the election of the attorney general
Indiana	Has elected the attorney general elected since statehood
Iowa	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Kansas	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Kentucky	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Louisiana	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Maine	Has been selected by vote of State Senate since statehood
Maryland	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Massachusetts	Has elected the attorney general since the first state legislature convened in 1777, and established the office
Michigan	Originally appointed by the Governor, became an elected position after a constitutional amendment in 1950
Minnesota	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Mississippi	Has elected the attorney general since 1820

Missouri	First Constitution in 1820 provided for the attorney general to be appointed, but since the 1865 Constitution, the attorney general has been elected
Montana	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Nebraska	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Nevada	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
New Hampshire	Has appointed the attorney general since statehood
New Jersey	Has appointed the attorney general since statehood
New Mexico	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
New York	Has elected the attorney general since 1892
North Carolina	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
North Dakota	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Ohio	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Oklahoma	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Oregon	Office of attorney general established by state legislature in 1891 and has elected an attorney general since
Pennsylvania	Originally appointed by the Governor, voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1978 making the position elected
Rhode Island	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
South Carolina	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
South Dakota	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Tennessee	Appointed by Tennessee Supreme Court since statehood — State Sen. Mae Beavers has carried legislation over the last four years to change the selection of the attorney general to an election by the people
Texas	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Utah	Has elected the attorney general since statehood — Utah State Sen. Todd Weller requested a study in 2013 on amending the constitution to make the position appointed.
Vermont	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Virginia	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Washington	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
West Virginia	Has elected the attorney general since statehood
Wisconsin	Established by state legislature, elects attorney general since law established in 1850
Wyoming	Has appointed the attorney general since statehood