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Alabama	Article 5, Section 127	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Attorney General	State Auditor	Secretary of State	State Treasurer				
Alaska	Chapter 3, Sections 3.9-3.14	Governor	Lieutenant Governor										
American Samoa	Article IV	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the House								
Arizona	Article 5, Section 6	Governor	Secretary of State	Attorney General	State Treasurer	Superintendent of Public Education							
Arkansas	Article 9, Sections 12-13; Constitutional Amendment 6-7	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the Assembly								
California	10, CAL GOV CODE § 12058, CAL GOV CODE § 12061	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President pro Tempore of the Senate	Speaker of the Assembly	Secretary of State	Attorney General	Treasurer	Controller	Superintendent of Public Instruction	Insurance Commissioner	Chair of Board of Equalization	
Colorado	Article 4, Section 13	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate (who is a member of the same party of the Governor)	The Speaker of the House (who is a member of the same party of the Governor)	Minority Leader of the House (who is a member of the same party of the Governor)	Minority Leader of the Senate (who is of the same party as the Governor)						
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	Article 3, Section 7	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the House								
Connecticut	Article 4, Sections 18-21	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President Pro Tempore of the Senate									
Delaware	Article 3, Section 20	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Secretary of State	Attorney General	President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives						
District of Columbia	Title IV - District Charter, Section 421, Part B	Mayor	Chairman of DC Council										
Florida	Article 4, Section 3	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Attorney General	Chief Financial Officer	Commissioner of Agriculture							
Georgia	Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph 5	Governor	Lieutenant Governor										
Guam	Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 1. § 1101	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Speaking or Acting Speaker of Guam Legislature									
Hawaii	Article 4, Section 4; Statute § 26-2	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Attorney General	Director of Finance	The Comptroller	The Director of Taxation	The Director of Human Resources Development			
Idaho	Article 4, Sections 12-14	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President Pro Tempore of the Senate									
Illinois	Article 4, Sections 6-7	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Attorney General	Secretary of State								
Indiana	Article 5, Sections 10-11	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	The Speaker of the House of Representatives	The President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Treasurer of the State	Auditor of the State	Secretary of State	State Superintendent of Public Instruction				
Iowa	Article 4, Sections 17-19	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives								

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Kansas	Article 1, Section 11 & KSA Statute 75-125	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	The Speaker of the House of Representatives													
Kentucky	Sections 84, 85, and 87 & KRS 118.710	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate (if the Senate is in session)	Attorney General (if the Senate is not in session)	State Auditor (if the Senate is not in session and the Attorney General fails to qualify)												
Louisiana	Constitution Article IV	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Attorney General	Treasurer	Presiding Officer of the Senate	Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives											
Maine	Article 5, Part 1, Sections 14-15	Governor	Senate President	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Secretary of State													
Maryland	Article 2, Section 6	Governor	Lieutenant Governor															
Massachusetts	Constitution of Massachusetts, Part 2, c. 2, s. 2, Art. III	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Secretary of State	Attorney General	Treasurer and Receiver General	State Auditor											
Michigan	Article 5, Sections 26-27	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Secretary of State	Attorney General													
Minnesota	Article 5, Section 5	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Secretary of State	State Auditor	Attorney General										
Mississippi	Article 5, Section 131	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate Pro Tempore	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Speaker of the House of Representatives												
Missouri	Article 4, Sections 11(a) - 11(d)	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Speaker of the House	Speaker of the House	State Auditor	State Treasurer	Attorney General									
Montana	Article 6, Sections 6 & 14 & 2009 Revised Statutes: 2-16-513-521.	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the House	Speaker of the House	Senior Member of the Legislature (if tie then the Eldest of Senior Member of the Legislature to the Youngest)											
Nebraska	Article 4, Section 16	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Speaker of the Legislature														
Nevada	The Legislature under its authority of Article 4, Section 37 Section 223.080 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Speaker of the Assembly	Secretary of State												
New Hampshire	NH Const. Pt. 2 Art. 49	Governor	Senate President	Speaker of the House	Secretary of State	State Treasurer												

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New Jersey	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the General Assembly	Attorney General	State Highway Commissioner (Commissioner of Transportation)	Commissioner of Transportation	Commissioner of Health	Commissioner of Commerce	Industrial Commissioner	Chairman of the Public Service Commission	Secretary of State
New Mexico	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Secretary of State	President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Speaker of the House	Attorney General	Attorney General	Attorney General	Attorney General	Attorney General	Commissioner of Labor	Commissioner of Insurance
New York	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the Assembly	Attorney General	Comptroller	Commissioner of Transportation	Commissioner of Health	Commissioner of Commerce	Industrial Commissioner	Chairman of the Public Service Commission	Secretary of State
North Carolina	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Senate President Pro Tempore	Speaker of the House	Secretary of State	Auditor of the State	Treasurer	Superintendent of Public Instruction	Attorney General	Commissioner of Agriculture	Commissioner of Labor	Commissioner of Insurance
North Dakota	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Secretary of State									
Ohio	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Secretary of State	Treasurer of State	Auditor of State	Attorney General				
Oklahoma	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President pro tempore of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives								
Oregon	Governor	Secretary of State	State Treasurer	President of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives							
Pennsylvania	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President pro tempore of the Senate									
Puerto Rico	Governor	Secretary of State	Secretary of Justice	Secretary of Treasurer	Secretary of Education	Secretary of Labor and Human Resources	Secretary of Transportation	Secretary of Economic	Secretary of Health	Secretary of Agriculture		
Rhode Island	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	The Speaker of the House of Representatives									
South Carolina	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives								
South Dakota	Governor	Lieutenant Governor										
Tennessee	Governor	Speaker of the Senate/Lieutenant Governor	Speaker of the House	Secretary of State	Comptroller of the Treasury							

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U.S. Virgin Islands	July 27, 1972, No. 3280, Sess. L. 1972, p. 247; amended June 15, 1984, No. 4964, § 1(b), Sess. L. 1984	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Commissioner of Finance	Attorney General	Director of the Office of Management & Budget	Commissioner of Education	Commissioner of Public Works						
Utah	Article 7, Sections 10- 11 & Emergency Interim Succession Act found in Title 63K, Chapter 1	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	President of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Representatives	Attorney General	State Auditor	State Treasurer						
Vermont	VSA, Chapter 7, Section 183	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Speaker of the House of Representatives	President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Secretary of State	State Treasurer							
Virginia	Virginia Constitution, Article V, Executive, Section 16.	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Attorney General	Speaker of the House of Delegates	House of Delegates convenes to fill vacancy	Attorney General	Superintendent of Public Instruction	Commissioner of Public Lands					
Washington	Washington State Constitution, Article III, Section 10	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Secretary of State	Treasurer	Auditor	Attorney General							
West Virginia	Article 7, Section 7 & 8	Governor	Acting President of the Senate	Speaker of the House of Delegates										
Wisconsin	Article 5, Section 7-8	Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Secretary of State										
Wyoming	Article 4, Section 6	Governor	Secretary of State											

Additional  
Reference  
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