

expenditures of the state. The Treasurer is bonded and may not engage in any personal business during his/her term of office. The Treasurer also invests money for the state, assists departments in investments, handles state securities and accepts federal funds for the state.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General is elected by the Legislature at the beginning of the first regular session. The term of office is two years, limited to four consecutive terms.

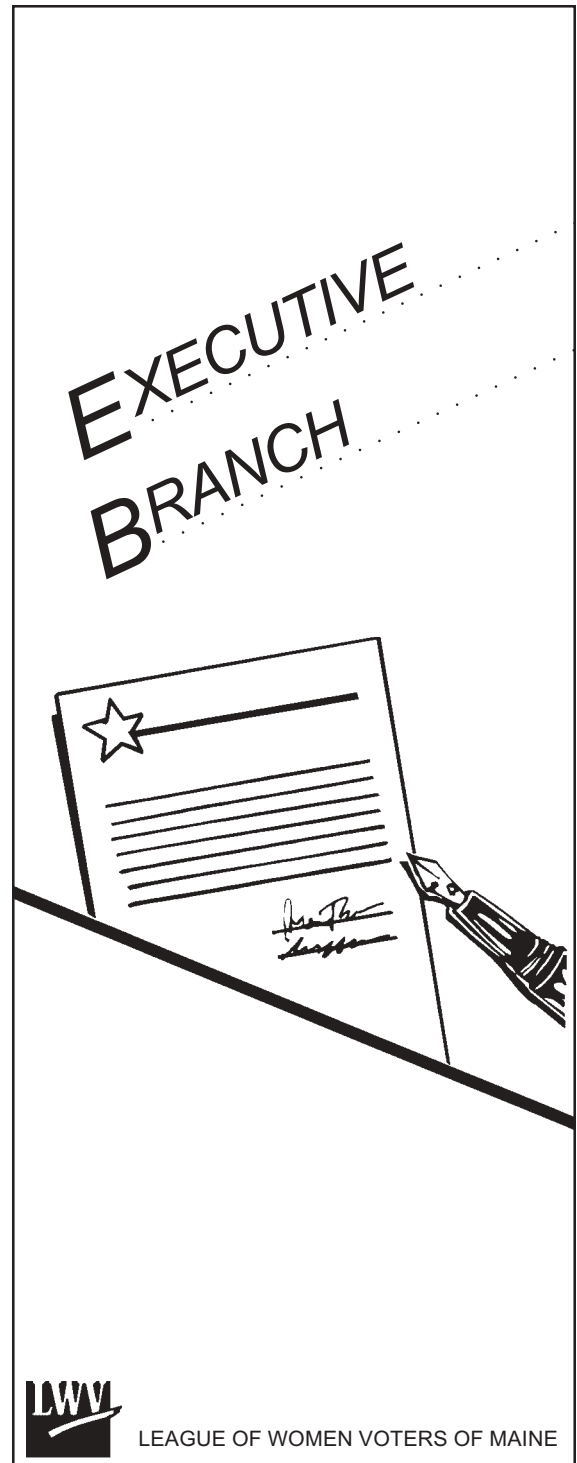
Duties include serving as the chief legal officer of the state and overseeing the legal affairs of state officers and departments. The Attorney General's office prosecutes and defends all actions and proceedings for and against the state. The office coordinates all criminal investigations and prosecutions for the purpose of improving law enforcement throughout the state. The Attorney General's office also handles all civil litigation in which the state or any department or agency has an interest, consumer anti-trust complaints and oversees law enforcement education.

SALARIES

Salaries of the Secretary of State, State Auditor, Treasurer and Attorney General are set by the Legislature and may not be changed during their terms of office.

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THE GOVERNOR —

The Governor is the chief executive officer of the state. To qualify for the office he/she must be at least 30 years of age, a United States citizen for at least 15 years and a resident of Maine for at least 5 years.

The term of office is four years, limited to two consecutive terms. The Governor is the only state official elected on a state-wide basis. His/her salary is set by the Legislature and may not be changed during his/her term. There is a contingency fund available to the governor for expenses incurred on state business, as well as grants for maintenance of the Blaine House, the Governor's official residence.

RESPONSIBILITIES —

Responsibilities of the Governor include keeping the Legislature informed of the condition of the state, recommending bills for consideration by the Legislature, drafting a budget, signing and vetoing legislation as he/she sees fit, and overseeing the faithful execution of the laws of the state.

The Governor also is commander-in-chief of the Army, the Navy and the militia of the state except when they are in actual service of the United States. He/she also may grant reprieves, pardons and commutations of sentences, approve cession of land and accept Federal funds.

APPOINTMENTS —

Appointments made by the Governor include the judicial officers (except Judges of Probate), heads of departments, members of boards and commissions, and other civil officers whose appointments are not otherwise provided for by law. Each appointment is referred to the appropriate joint Standing Committee of the Legislature which holds a public hearing on the appointment, then sends the Committee's recommendation to the Senate, which may override the Committee's recommendation by two-thirds of those members present and voting.

The Governor also makes appointments to offices that are administrative or advisory and do not require Legislative approval, such as the Health Insurance Board, Critical Areas Advisory Board and the Licensing and Examining Boards.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE —

The Secretary of State is elected to by the Legislature at the beginning of the first regular session. The term of office is two years, limited to four consecutive terms.

Duties include: keeping records of his/her office and appointing deputies; keeping records of all official acts of the Governor; preserving all state records and documents; overseeing all elections; filing charters and annual returns of corporations doing business in the state; registering licensing of motor vehicles and drivers; registering all motor vehicle violations; and recording logos and trade marks. The Secretary of State appoints the State Archivist with confirmation by the Legislature.

THE STATE AUDITOR —

The State Auditor is elected by the Legislature at the beginning of every other first regular session. The term of office is four years, limited to two consecutive terms.

Duties include post-auditing all state accounts and financial records of the executive, legislative and judiciary branches, as well as records of counties and municipalities which choose to have such work done by the State Auditor rather than private auditors.

THE TREASURER —

The Treasurer of the state is elected by the Legislature at the beginning of the first regular session. The term of office is two years, limited to four consecutive terms.

Duties include keeping account of receipts and