

The office of Lieutenant Governor was created by the Nevada State Constitution. The Lt. Governor is an elected position within the Executive branch of state government and is elected at the same time and method as the Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer, and Controller for four year terms. An executive officer may serve no more than two terms of office or more than once if he has previously held the office by election or appointment. The Lieutenant governor is not required to reside at the seat of state government (Carson City).

The Lt. Governor serves as the President of the Senate, and President Pro-Tempore of the Senate to act as Governor in certain circumstances (i.e., the governor is disabled or otherwise unable to serve, or is out of state, or leaves office mid-term).



Figure 1: Sue Wagner (Lt. Governor from 1991-95) circa 1980. Courtesy of the Nevada State Archives, LIS-1562.



Figure 2: Lt. Governor Lorraine Hunt at the podium of the Nevada State Senate during the 71st Legislative Session in 2001. Courtesy of the Nevada State Archives, LTH-0027.

The Lt. Governor is also the chairman of the Commission on Economic Development, Commission on Tourism, Vice-Chair of the State Board of Transportation, and a member of the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Task Force.