

Tuesday 8/23/16

## Social Studies

Agenda: Homework Review Notes

EQ: What is the responsibility of the Executive Branch?

WU: Who are the executives at the National and State Levels?

Write a paragraph that explains the difference between Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances (at least 3-5 sentences).

Work:

Legislative Review

Notes-Executive Branch/Cloze Notes

Close: Executive Branch Video

## GA's Executive Branch Want Ad

Imagine that jobs of Georgia's Governor and Lieutenant Governor have suddenly become available. Imagine further that nobody is running for the office! The position of governor is extremely important and you have been assigned to help fill the vacancy. Create a want ad for a new Governor and Lieutenant Governor that meets the following requirements:

### 1) Requirements to hold office (20%):

- Age
- Citizenship
- U.S. Residency
- Georgia Residency

### 2) Term of office (30%):

- Term length

### 3) Duties (20%):

#### FOR GOVERNOR ONLY:

- Formal powers
- Informal powers

## FOR LT. GOV. ONLY:

- What the Lt.Gov. is responsible for doing as the presiding officer of the senate and if something were to happen to the governor.

Remember, you are trying to entice candidates to run for office, so make the job sound interesting!

### 4) Well written (15%):

- Catchy wording
- Error free

Also, you should make your advertisement look good!

### 5) Presentation (15%):

- In ink / Marker
- Creative appearance



**Georgia's  
Executive  
Branch**

# The student will analyze the role of the **executive branch** in Georgia state government.

- a. Explain the qualifications, term, election, and duties of the governor and lieutenant governor.
- b. Describe the organization of the executive branch, with emphasis on major policy areas of state programs; include education, human resources, public safety, transportation, economic development, and natural resources.
- c. Evaluate how the executive branch fulfills its role through state agencies that administer programs and enforce laws.

- **Concepts:**

- **Governance**

- **Distribution of Power**



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## **According to the Georgia Constitution, state's Chief Executive is the Governor:**

### **Qualifications for Governor**

- 30 years old
- U.S. citizen for fifteen years
- Citizen of Georgia for six years



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## **According to the Georgia Constitution, state's Chief Executive is the Governor:**

### **Term of Governor:**

- Elected by a popular vote of all eligible Georgia voters
- Serves four-year terms
- Is limited to two consecutive terms

### **Duties of the Governor:**

- May propose and direct the state budget
  - May call special legislative sessions or veto bills
  - May appoint members of state boards
- May propose new programs or laws

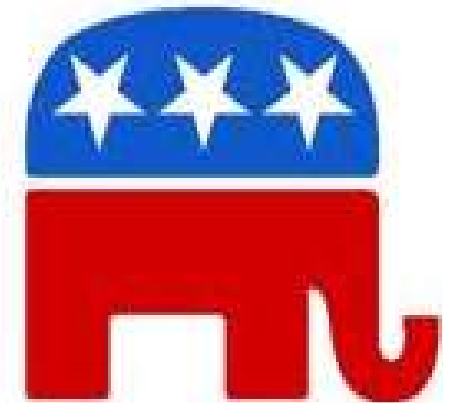


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**According to the Georgia Constitution, the second highest member of the Executive Branch is the Lt. Governor:**

- If the office of governor becomes vacant, the Lt. Governor takes over until the next election...THEREFORE...
- The qualifications for office are identical to the Governor's.
- Unlike the Governor, the Lt. Governor has no terms limits.
- Unlike President and Vice President of the U.S., the Governor and Lt. Governor do not run on the same ticket. It is possible for them to be in different political parties!



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**According to the Georgia Constitution, the second highest member of the Executive Branch is the Lieutenant Governor:**



- In 2006, Casey Cagle became the **first Republican** to ever hold that office.



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## What are **three qualifications** for Governor and Lieutenant Governor?



1. Age –

2. U.S. Citizenship –

3. State Citizenship –



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| GOVERNOR  | EXECUTIVE BRANCH | LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR   |
|---|------------------|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MUST BE 30 YEARS OLD</li> <li>• CITIZEN OF U.S. FOR 15 YEARS</li> <li>• RESIDENT OF STATE FOR 6 YEARS</li> </ul>   | QUALIFICATIONS   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MUST BE 30 YEARS OLD</li> <li>• CITIZEN OF U.S. FOR 15 YEARS</li> <li>• RESIDENT OF STATE FOR 6 YEARS</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SERVE 4 YEAR TERMS</li> <li>• CAN RUN FOR A SECOND TERM</li> </ul>   | TERM             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SERVE 4 YEAR TERMS</li> <li>• NO TERM LIMITS</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MUST WIN THE PARTY PRIMARY</li> <li>• ELECTED BY CITIZENS - POPULAR VOTE DURING GENERAL ELECTION</li> </ul>  | ELECTION         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELECTED BY CITIZENS</li> <li>• DOES NOT HAVE TO BE FROM THE SAME PARTY AS THE GOVERNOR</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</li> <li>• COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF MILITARY</li> <li>• CAN VETO (REJECT) LAWS</li> <li>• CAN SIGN BILLS INTO LAW</li> <li>• APPOINTS PEOPLE TO OFFICES</li> <li>• HELPS DIRECT THE STATE BUDGET</li> </ul> | DUTIES           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE</li> <li>• DECIDES WHO SERVES ON THE DIFFERENT SENATE COMMITTEES</li> <li>• 1<sup>ST</sup> PERSON TO SUCCEED (REPLACE) THE GOVERNOR</li> </ul> |

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**According to the GA Constitution, there are six other elected members of the Executive Branch:**

- 1. Attorney General** – serves as state’s attorney in court
- 2. Secretary of State** – handles all administrative duties in the state, including recordkeeping, chartering new businesses, supervising elections, and regulating the sale of corporate stocks and bonds
- 3. State School Superintendent** – heads the Dept. of Education; certifies teachers, approves textbooks and distributes educational funds; *this department* has the largest budget of all state agencies



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- 4. Agriculture Commissioner** – oversees and regulates the state’s agriculture industry, including food production, consumer safety, and livestock (decisions are critical to our economy, since agriculture is a major industry in GA)
- 5. Insurance Commissioner** – regulates insurance businesses and protects consumers
- 6. Labor Commissioner** – investigates labor complaints, works to protect the health and safety of industrial workers, handles unemployment insurance



# ORGANIZATION of the EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## STATE DEPARTMENTS

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- State School Superintendent
- Curriculum, teacher certification, education programs, education funds, and approves textbooks

### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- Welfare programs for the unemployed
- Helps create jobs in Georgia
- Medical services for children and elderly

### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Conservation and protection of state parks and historic sites
- Wildlife management
- Hunting and fishing license

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- Georgia State Patrol polices state and interstate roads
- Capitol Police protects government buildings
- Motor Carrier Compliance inspect cargo shipments and hazardous materials

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate and State road and bridge construction and maintenance
- Public transportation services (buses and rail system)
- Shipping ports in Savannah and Brunswick

### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Showcase Georgia to attract out of state businesses
- Promotes tourism
- Helps improve the economy of Georgia by creating jobs



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## What do you remember about... the Executive Branch?

\_\_\_ 1. Represents GA in a murder case

\_\_\_ 2. Investigates new company  
selling life insurance in Georgia

\_\_\_ 3. Sets salaries for state teachers

\_\_\_ 4. Calls for volunteers to help at  
polling places on election day

\_\_\_ 5. Promotes 4-H programs to  
interest young people in agriculture

\_\_\_ 6. Investigates charges of unsafe  
work conditions in a chemical plant

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**B. Secretary of State**

**C. State School Superintendent**

**D. Agricultural Commissioner**

**E. Insurance Commissioner**

**F. Labor Commissioner**

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