

NC EXECUTIVE BRANCH



North Carolina's Executive Branch

The executive power of the state is outlined in Article III of the North Carolina Constitution. The executive branch includes the Governor, the Council of State, the Governor's Cabinet, and more than 400 boards and commissions.

GOVERNOR

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The Governor is the state's chief executive officer and is granted all executive power by the NC Constitution.

The Governor is elected to 4-year terms and may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms in office. A qualified candidate must be at least 30 years old; a US citizen for at least 5 years; and a NC resident for at least 2 years immediately prior to the election. The Governor's primary duties include:

- Report to the General Assembly (legislature) on the affairs of the state
- Recommend a budget to the General Assembly and administer a balanced budget
- Ensure that laws are faithfully executed
- Serve as Commander-in-Chief of the state's national guard (except when it is called into action by the US)
- Grant reprieves and pardons
- Nominate and appoint state officers, some with the Senate's consent
- Sign public acts of the General Assembly into law or exercise the veto

