

As stated in Montana's Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Montana "...shall perform the duties provided by law and those delegated to him by the governor. No power specifically vested in the governor by this constitution may be delegated to the lieutenant governor." Further, "If the office of governor becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification, the lieutenant governor shall become governor for the remainder of the term, except as provided in this constitution."

Unlike some states, Montana's Governor and Lt. Governor are nominated and elected as a team. Governor Schweitzer and Lt. Governor Bohlinger are the first bi-partisan team to share office in Montana history. The constitutional partnership of Governor and Lt. Governor has been a successful tool for effective executive branch administration.

The Lt. Governor provides advice and counsel to the Governor, acts as an extra set of eyes and ears and attends events on behalf of the Governor when requested. The Lt. Governor welcomes international visitors when the Governor is unable to do so, serves on a number of state committees, and assists on a number of administration policy initiatives. He is really the Governor's "ambassador-at-large" across Montana.