

## OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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*“If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if his office becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the end of the term.”*

*— Constitution of the State of Illinois, Article V, Section 7*

On Jan. 29, 2009, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor became vacant when sitting Governor Rod Blagojevich was removed from office following his impeachment by the Illinois House of Representatives and a unanimous vote to convict and remove him from office after a trial in the Senate. Based on the rules for gubernatorial succession in Illinois, Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn immediately signed a written oath and was sworn in as Illinois’ 41st Governor by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke.

For the duration of the term, the duties of the Lieutenant Governor’s office have been transferred to the Office of the Governor. In addition to being first in the line of succession to Governor, the Lieutenant Governor handles a variety of responsibilities and has several defined duties. Recent duties have included serving as chair of the Illinois River Coordinating Council; the Illinois Delegation to the Great Lakes Commission; the Governor’s Rural Affairs Council; the Illinois Main Street Advisory Council; the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council; and the Broadband Deployment Council.