



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

**Impeachment Process Summary  
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State	To Whom Applies	Grounds	Vote Requirement	Presiding Officer	Can Call Chambers into Special Session
Alabama	Governor, lieutenant-governor, attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, state treasurer, superintendent of education, commissioner of agriculture and industries, and justices of the supreme court	Willful neglect of duty, corruption in office, incompetency, or intemperance in the use of intoxicating liquors or narcotics to such an extent, in view of the dignity of the office and importance of its duties, as unfits the officer for the discharge of such duties, or for any offense involving moral turpitude while in office, or committed under color thereof, or connected therewith	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of Senate members present	The Lieutenant Governor shall preside over the Senate when sitting as a court of impeachment, provided, however, that if the Governor or Lieutenant Governor is impeached, the Chief Justice, or if the Chief Justice be absent or disqualified, then one of the associate justices of the supreme court, to be selected by the court, shall preside over the Senate when sitting as a court of impeachment.	If at any time when the Legislature is not in session, a majority of all the members elected to the House of Representatives shall certify in writing to the Secretary of State their desire to meet to consider the impeachment of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or other officer administering the office of Governor, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State immediately to notify the Speaker of the House who, within 10 days after receipt of the notice, shall summon the members of the House to assemble at the capitol on a day to be fixed by the Speaker, but not later than 15 days after receipt of the notice by the Speaker from the Secretary of State, to consider the impeachment of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or other officer administering the office of Governor.
Alaska	All civil officers of the state		Impeachment: Two-thirds vote of Senate members Conviction: Two-thirds vote of House members	A supreme court justice designated by the court shall preside at the trial.	Legislature may call itself into special session
Arizona	Governor and other state and judicial officers, except justices of courts not of record	High crimes, misdemeanors, or malfeasance in office	Impeachment: Majority of all House members Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators elected	... shall be presided over by the chief justice of the supreme court. Should the chief justice be on trial, or otherwise disqualified, the	Legislature may call itself into special session

				senate shall elect a judge of the supreme court to preside.	
Arkansas	Governor and all state officers, judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, chancellors and prosecuting attorneys	High crimes and misdemeanors, and gross misconduct in office	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of Senate members	The Chief Justice shall preside, unless he is impeached or otherwise disqualified, when the Senate shall select a presiding officer.	
California	State officers elected on a statewide basis, members of the State Board of Equalization, and judges of state courts	Misconduct in office	Impeachment: [Assembly] Conviction: Two thirds of the membership of the Senate		
Colorado	Governor and other state and judicial officers	High crimes or misdemeanors or malfeasance in office	Impeachment: Majority of all House members Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators elected	When the governor or lieutenant-governor is on trial, the chief justice of the supreme court shall preside.	Legislature may call itself into special session
Connecticut	Governor, and all other executive and judicial officers		Impeachment: [House] Conviction: At least two-thirds of Senate members present	When the governor is impeached, the chief justice shall preside.	Legislature may call itself into special session
Delaware	Governor and all other civil officers under this State	Treason, bribery, or any high crime or misdemeanor in office	Impeachment: Two-thirds of all House members Conviction: Two-thirds of all the Senators	On the trial of an impeachment against the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor, the Chief Justice, or, in case of his or her absence or disability, the Chancellor shall preside; and on the trial of all other impeachments the President of the Senate shall preside.	Legislature may call itself into special session
Florida	Governor, lieutenant governor, members of the cabinet, justices of the supreme court, judges of district courts of appeal, judges of circuit courts, and judges of county courts	Misdemeanor in office	Impeachment: Two-thirds vote of House Conviction: Two-thirds of the members of the Senate present	The chief justice of the supreme court, or another justice designated by the chief justice, shall preside at the trial, except in a trial of the chief justice, in which case the governor shall preside.	Legislature may call itself into special session
Georgia	Any executive or judicial officer of this state or any member of the General Assembly		Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the members to which the Senate is entitled	...shall be presided over by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Should the Chief Justice be	Legislature may call itself into special session

				disqualified, then the Presiding Justice shall preside. Should the Presiding Justice be disqualified, then the Senate shall select a Justice of the Supreme Court to preside.	
Hawaii	Governor and lieutenant governor, and any appointive officer for whose removal the consent of the senate is required	For such causes as may be provided by law	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the members of the senate	The chief justice shall preside	Legislature may call itself into special session
Idaho	<i>Idaho Code</i> 19-4001 states: "Any state officer, created by state law, shall be liable to impeachment"	<i>Idaho Code</i> 19-4001 states: "for any misdemeanor in office."	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators elected	When the governor is impeached, the chief justice shall preside.	Legislature may call itself into special session
Illinois	Executive and Judicial officers		Impeachment: Majority of the House members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senators elected	If the Governor is tried, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside.	Legislature may call itself into special session
Indiana	All state officers	Crime, incapacity, or negligence	Impeachment: Two-thirds of the House members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senate members elected		
Iowa	Governor, judges of the supreme and district courts, and other state officers	Any misdemeanor or malfeasance in office	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two thirds of the Senate members present		Legislature may call itself into special session
Kansas	Governor and all other officers under this constitution	Treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators then elected (or appointed) and qualified.		Legislature may call itself into special session
Kentucky	Governor and all civil officers	Any misdemeanors in office	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senators present		
Louisiana	State or district official	Felony or for malfeasance or gross misconduct while in such office	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the elected senators		Legislature may call itself into special session
Maine			Impeachment: [House] Conviction: 2/3 of the Senate members present		Legislature may call itself into special session
Maryland	Governor and Lieutenant Governor		Impeachment: Majority of all House members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of all the Senators elected		Legislature may call itself into special session

Massachusetts	Any officer or officers of the commonwealth	Misconduct and mal-administration in their offices	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: [Senate]		Every impeachment shall be tried by the senate immediately after the final adjournment of the legislature. Legislature may call itself into special session
Michigan	Civil officers	Corrupt conduct in office or for crimes or misdemeanors	Impeachment: Majority of the House members elected thereto and serving Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators elected and serving	When the governor or lieutenant governor is tried, the chief justice of the supreme court shall preside.	
Minnesota	Governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general and the judges of the supreme court, court of appeals and district courts	Corrupt conduct in office or for crimes and misdemeanors	Impeachment: Majority of all House members Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators present		
Mississippi	Governor and all other civil officers of this State	Treason, bribery, or any high crime or misdemeanor in office	Impeachment: Two-thirds of all House members present Conviction: Two-thirds of all the Senators present	When the Governor shall be tried, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside; and when the Chief Justice is disabled, disqualified, or refuses to act, the judge of the Supreme Court next oldest in commission shall preside.	
Missouri	All elective executive officials of the state, and judges of the supreme court, courts of appeals and circuit courts	Crimes, misconduct, habitual drunkenness, willful neglect of duty, corruption in office, incompetency, or any offense involving moral turpitude or oppression in office	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Five-sevenths of the Supreme court or the special commission elected by the senate	Supreme Court	Legislature may call itself into special session
Montana	Governor, executive officers, heads of state departments, judicial officers, and such other officers as may be provided by law	The legislature shall provide for the manner, procedure, and causes for impeachment	Impeachment: Two-thirds vote of the House Conviction: Tribunal hearing the charges shall convict only by a vote of two-thirds or more of its members		Legislature may call itself into special session
Nebraska	Any officer; Chief Justice or any Judge of the Supreme Court	Civil officer: any misdemeanor in office or for any misdemeanor in pursuit of such office	Impeachment: Majority of the members elected to the unicameral Legislature	Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or, in the case a Judge of the Supreme Court receives notice of impeachment, a member of	Proceedings may be initiated in either a regular session or a special session of the Legislature.

			Conviction: Two-thirds of the members of the Court of impeachment	Judges of the District Court chosen	
Nevada	Governor and other state and judicial officers, except justices of the peace	Misdemeanor or malfeasance in office	Impeachment: Majority of all Assembly members elected Conviction: Two thirds of the Senators elected	The Chief Justice of the Supreme court, shall preside over the Senate while sitting to try the Governor or Lieutenant Governor upon impeachment.	Legislature may call itself into special session
New Hampshire	Any officer or officers of the state	Bribery, corruption, malpractice or maladministration, in office	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: [Senate]	Whenever the governor shall be impeached, the chief justice of the supreme judicial court, shall, during the trial, preside in the senate, but have no vote therein.	Legislature may call itself into special session
New Jersey	Governor and all other State officers; Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Superior Court	Governor and state officers: misdemeanor committed during their respective continuance in office	Impeachment: Majority of all General Assembly members Conviction: Two-thirds of all members of the Senate	When the Governor is tried, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside and the President of the Senate shall not participate in the trial.	Legislature may call itself into special session
New Mexico	All state officers and judges of the district court	Crimes, misdemeanors and malfeasance in office	Impeachment: Majority of all House members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators elected		Legislature may call itself into special session
New York			Impeachment: Majority of all Assembly members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of the members present of the impeachment court [court for the trial of impeachments shall be composed of the president of the senate, the senators, or the major part of them, and the judges of the court of appeals, or the major part of them]	President of the Senate	Legislature may call itself into special session
North Carolina (general statutes)	Governor; others as established by law Each member of the Council of State, each justice of the General Court of Justice, and	Felony, or the commission of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or for malfeasance in office, or for willful neglect of duty.	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of Senators present	When the Governor of the State, or Lieutenant Governor, upon whom the powers and duties of the office of Governor have	Legislature may call itself into special session

	each judge of the General Court of Justice			devolved, is impeached, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside; and in a case requiring the Chief Justice to preside, notice shall be given him, by order of the Senate, of the time and place fixed for the consideration of the articles of impeachment, with a request to attend; and the Chief Justice shall preside over the Senate during the consideration of said articles upon the trial of the person impeached.	
North Dakota	Governor and other state and judicial officers, except county judges, justices of the peace and police magistrates	Habitual drunkenness, crimes, corrupt conduct, or malfeasance or misdemeanor in office	Impeachment: Majority of all House members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senate members elected	When the governor or lieutenant governor is on trial, the presiding judge of the supreme court shall preside.	
Ohio	Governor, judges, and all state officers	Any misdemeanor in office	Impeachment: Majority of the House members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators		Legislature may call itself into special session
Oklahoma	Governor and other elective state officers, including the Justices of the Supreme Court	Wilful neglect of duty, corruption in office, habitual drunkenness, incompetency, or any offense involving moral turpitude committed while in office	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senators present	the Senate shall be presided over by the Chief Justice, or if he is absent or disqualified, then one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, to be selected by it, except in cases where all the members of said court are absent or disqualified, or in cases of impeachment of any Justice of the Supreme Court, then the Senate shall elect one of its own members as a presiding officer for such purpose.	Legislature may call itself into special session
Oregon	No impeachment process	N/A	N/A		Legislature may call itself into special session
Pennsylvania	Governor and all other civil officers	Any misbehavior in office	Impeachment: [House]		Legislature may call itself into special session

			Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senate members present		
Rhode Island	Governor and all other executive and judicial officers	Governor and executive officers: Found incapacitated or guilty of the commission of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, misfeasance or malfeasance in office Judges: Found incapacitated or guilty of the commission of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, misfeasance or malfeasance in office or violation of the canons of judicial ethics	Impeachment: Two-thirds (2/3) of the House members Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senate members elected	When the governor is impeached, the chief or presiding justice of the supreme court, for the time being, shall preside, with a casting vote in all preliminary questions.	
South Carolina	Officials elected on a statewide basis, state judges, and such other state officers as may be designated by law	Serious crimes or serious misconduct in office	Impeachment: Two-thirds of all House members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of all Senate members elected	When the Governor is impeached, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or, if he be disqualified, the Senior Justice, shall preside, with a casting vote in all preliminary questions.	Legislature may call itself into special session
South Dakota	Governor and other state and judicial officers, except county judges, justices of the peace and police magistrates	Drunkenness, crimes, corrupt conduct, or malfeasance or misdemeanor in office	Impeachment: Majority of all House members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senate members elected		Legislature may call itself into special session
Tennessee	Governor, judges of the Supreme Court, judges of the inferior courts, chancellors, attorneys for the state, treasurer, comptroller, and secretary of state	Any crime in their official capacity which may require disqualification	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators sworn to try the officer impeached	The chief justice of the Supreme Court, or if he be on trial, the senior associate judge, shall preside over them.	Legislature may call itself into special session
Texas	Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Comptroller and the Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and District Court		Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senators present		
Utah	Governor and other State and Judicial officers	High crimes, misdemeanors, or malfeasance in office	Impeachment: Two-thirds of all the House members elected	When the Governor is on trial, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside.	Legislature may call itself into special session

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Vermont	Every officer of State, whether judicial or executive		Impeachment: Two-thirds of House members Conviction: Two-thirds of the Senate members present		
Virginia	Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, judges, members of the State Corporation Commission, and all officers appointed by the Governor or elected by the General Assembly	Malfeasance in office, corruption, neglect of duty, or other high crime or misdemeanor	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators present		Legislature may call itself into special session
Washington	Governor and other state and judicial officers, except judges and justices of courts not of record	High crimes or misdemeanors, or malfeasance in office	Impeachment: Majority of all House members Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators elected	When the governor or lieutenant governor is on trial, the chief justice of the supreme court shall preside.	Legislature may call itself into special session
West Virginia	Any officer of the state	Maladministration, corruption, incompetency, gross immorality, neglect of duty, or any high crime or misdemeanor	Impeachment: [House] Conviction: Two thirds of Senate members elected	When sitting as a court of impeachment, the president of the supreme court of appeals, or, if from any cause it be improper for him to act, then any other judge of that court, to be designated by it, shall preside	Legislature may call itself into special session
Wisconsin	All civil officers of this state	Corrupt conduct in office, or for crimes and misdemeanors	Impeachment: Majority of all House members elected Conviction: Two-thirds of Senate members present		Legislature may call itself into special session
Wyoming	Governor and other state and judicial officers except justices of the peace	High crimes and misdemeanors, or malfeasance in office	Impeachment: Majority of all House members Conviction: Two-thirds of the senators elected	When the governor is on trial, the chief justice of the supreme court shall preside.	Legislature may call itself into special session