Under Nevada's Organic Act, officers for the Territory of Nevada were appointed rather than elected. The key positions in the executive and judicial branches were appointments made by the President of the United States. The Territorial Governor, in turn, made additional appointments some terminating with the first session of the Legislative Assembly, others by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council. The Territorial Governor called for the first elections and established the first apportionment of the Territorial Legislature. Copies of proceedings and laws enacted by the Territorial Legislature were transmitted to the President and Congress.

Name	Official position
Appointed in 1861	
Nye, James Warren.	Governor
Clemens, Orion	Secretary of Territory
Bunker, Benjamin B.	Attorney General
Childs, Perry G. *	Territorial Auditor
Kinkead, John Henry*	Territorial Treasurer
North, John W.**	Surveyor-General
Cradlebaugh, John*	Delegate to Congress
Changes in 1862	
Mott, Gordon Newell*	Delegate to Congress
White, Asa F.*	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Edwards, Theodore D.	Attorney General
Changes in 1864	
Wasson, Warren H.	Marshal
Ross, William W.†	Territorial Auditor

*Elected not appointed.

**Position eliminated in 1562.

† Appointed by Governor Nye.

Officers after Statehood

The Nevada Constitution provides, in Article 5, that the "supreme executive power of the state shall be vested in a chief magistrate," the Governor. Article 5 also provides for the

popular election of a Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General. At various times in our history, the Constitution also required the direct election of a State Printer (or Superintendent of State Printing), Inspector of Mines, Surveyor General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Mineralogist. In addition to Legislative and Judicial officers, other state offices include University Regents and members of the State Board of Education.

The first state officers assumed their positions on December 5, 1864, their terms extending to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of 1867. The time of inauguration to new terms is the first Monday in January following the elections. Terms of state officers are four years, except for justices of the Supreme Court (six years), University Regents (six years), and State Assemblymen (two years).

Election to the office of Governor is limited by constitutional amendment such that no person may be elected more than twice. At the general election of 1996, voters will have the opportunity to limit the other five constitutional officers to two terms as well. Members of the State Board of Education are already limited to three terms.

All state elective offices, except that of Governor, can be filled by appointment in case of vacancy. A vacancy in the governorship is filled by succession as follows: Lieutenant Governor, Senate President Pro Tempore, Speaker of the Assembly, and Secretary of State.

Governors - Elected or Acting

Name	Years
James Warren Nye, Acting Governor, October 31 to December 5	1864
Blasdel, Henry Goode (Rep)	1864-67
Blasdel, Henry Goode* (Rep)	1867-71
Bradley, Lewis Rice (Dem)	1871-75
Bradley, Lewis Rice* * (Dem)	1875-79
Kinkead, John H. (Rep)	1879-83
Adams, Jewett W. (Dem)	1883-87
Stevenson, Charles C. (Rep) (Disability certificate September 1, 1890, died September 21,1890)	1887-91
Bell, Frank† (Rep) Acting Governor September 1, 1890 to January 5, 1891	1891
Colcord, Roswell K. (Rep)	1891-95
Jones, John E. (S) died April 10, 1896	1895-98
Sadler, Reinhold† (S) Acting Governor April 10, 1896 to January 2, 1899	1896
Sadler, Reinhold (S)	1899-1903
Sparks, John (S-D)	1903-07
Sparks, John (S-D) died May 22, 1908	1907-08

Dickerson, Denver S.† (S-D) Acting Governor May 22, 1908 to January 2,1911	1911
Oddie, Tasker L. (Rep)	1911-15
Boyle, Emmet D. (Dem)	1915-19
Boyle, Emmet D. (Dem)	1919-23
Scrugham, James G. (Dem)	1923-27
Balzar, Fred B (Rep)	1927-31
Balzar, Fred B. (Rep) died March 21,1934	1931-34
Griswold, Morley† (Rep) Acting Governor March 21,1934 to January 7, 1935	1935
Kirman, Richard, Sr. (Dem)	1935-39
Carville, Edward P. (Dem)	1939-43
Carville, Edward P. (Dem) (Resigned July 24, 1945, and was appointed to serve unexpired term of U.S. Senator Scrugham, dec	1943-45
Pittman, Vail M.† (Dem) Acting Governor July 24,1945 to January 6,1947	1947
Pittman, Vail M. (Dem)	1947-51
Russell, Charles H. (Rep)	1951-55
Russell, Charles H. (Rep)	1955-59
Sawyer, F. G. "Grant" (Dem)	1959-63
Sawyer, F. G. "Grant" (Dem)	1963-67
Laxalt, Paul (Rep)	1967-71
O'Callaghan, Donal Neil "Mike" (Dem)	1971-75
O'Callaghan, Donal Neil "Mike" (Dem)	1975-79
List Robert (Rep)	1979-83
Bryan, Richard H. (Dem)	1983-87
Bryan, Richard H.‡ (Dem)	1987-89
Miller, Robert J. "Bob"† (Dem) Acting Governor, January 3, 1989 to January 7, 1991	1991
Miller, Robert J. "Bob" (Dem)	1991-95
Miller, Robert J. "Bob" (Dem)	1995-99

*Granted an 8-month leave of absence by the State Legislature, March 3, 1869. (Senate Joint Resolu

**On January 11, 1875, Governor Bradley informed the State Legislature that he would be absent fro

†Became Acting Governor on a permanent basis by virtue of his office as Lieutenant Governor.

‡Resigned as Governor January 3, 1989 to assume seat elected to in U.S. Senate.

Lieutenant Governors

Name	Years
Crosman, John S. (Rep)	1864-67
Slingerland, James S. (Rep)	1867-71
Denver, Frank (Dem)	1871-75
Adams, Jewett W. (Dem)	1875-79
Adams, Jewett W. (Dem)	1879-83
Laughton, Charles E. (Rep)	1883-87
Davis, Henry C. (Rep) died August 22, 1889	1887-89
Chubbuck, Samuel W. (Rep) appointed September 9, 1889, resigned November 30, 1889	1889
Bell, Frank* (Rep) appointed November 30,1889 to January 5,1891	1891
Poujade, Joseph (Rep)	1891-95
Sadler, Reinhold* (S)	1895-99
Judge, James R. (S)	1899-1903
Allen, Lemuel (S-D)	1903-07
Dickerson, Denver S. (S-D)	1907-11
Ross, Gilbert C. (Dem)	1911-15
Sullivan, Maurice J. (Dem)	1915-19
Sullivan, Maurice J. (Dem)	1919-23
Sullivan, Maurice J. (Dem)	1923-27
Griswold, Morley (Rep).	1927-31
Griswold, Morley* (Rep)	1931-35
Alward, Fred S. (Dem)	1935-39
Sullivan, Maurice J. (Dem)	1939-43
Pittman, Vail M. * (Dem)	1943-47
Jones, Clifford A. "Cliffquot;(Dem)	1947-51
Jones, Clifford A. "Cliffquot;(Dem).	1951-55
Bell, Rex (Rep)	1955-59
Bell, Rex (Rep) died July 4, 1962	1959-62
Frazier, Maude** (Dem) appointed July 13,1962 to January 7,1963	1963
Laxalt, Paul (Rep).	1963-67
Fike, Ed (Rep).	1967-71
Reid, Harry M. (Dem)	1971-75
Rose, Robert (Dem).	1975-79
Leavitt, Myron (Dem)	1979-83
Cashell, Robert A.† (Dem)	1983-87
Miller, Robert J. "Bob"(Dem)	1987-91
Wagner, Sue‡ (Rep)	1991-95
Hammargren, Lonnie (Rep)	1995-99

*Became Acting Governor. See list of Governors.

**First woman to hold the office of Lieutenant Governor.

†Elected as a Democrat. Changed party affiliation to Republican on August 12, 1983.

‡First woman elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor.

Secretaries of State

Name	Years
Noteware, Chauncey N. (Rep)	1864-67
Noteware, Chauncey N. (Rep)	1867-71
Minor, James D. (Rep)	1871-75
Minor, James D. (Rep)	1875-79
Babcock, Jasper (Rep)	1879-83
Dormer, John M. (Rep)	1883-87
Dormer, John M. (Rep)	1887-91
Grey, Oscar H. (Rep)	1891-95
Howell, Eugene (S)	1895-99
Howell, Eugene (S)	1899-1903
Douglass, William "Gibbs" (Rep)	1903-07
Douglass, William "Gibbs" (Rep)	1907-11
Brodigan, George (Dem)	1911-15
Brodigan, George (Dem)	1915-19
Brodigan, George (Dem)	1919-23
Greathouse, William G. (Dem)	1923-27
Greathouse, William G. (Dem)	1927-31
Greathouse, William G. (Dem)	1931-35
Greathouse, William G. (Dem) died March 15, 1937.	1935-37
McEachin, Malcolm (Dem) appointed March 17, 1937 to January 7, 1963.	1939
McEachin, Malcolm (Dem)	1939-43
McEachin, Malcolm (Dem)	1943-47
Koontz, John (Dem)	1947-51
Koontz, John (Dem)	1951-55
Koontz, John (Dem)	1955-59
Koontz, John (Dem)	1959-63
Koontz, John (Dem)	1963-67
Koontz, John (Dem)	1967-71
Koontz, John (Dem) Resigned January 10, 1973.	1971-73
Swackhamer, William D. (Dem) Appointed January 11, 1973.	1973-75
Swackhamer, William D. (Dem)	1975-79
Swackhamer, William D. (Dem)	1979-83
Swackhamer, William D. (Dem)	1983-87
Del Papa, Frankie Sue† (Dem)	1987-91
Lau, Cheryl (Rep)	1991-95
Heller, Dean (Rep)	1995-99
Heller, Dean (Rep)	1999-

† First woman elected to the office of Secretary of State.

State Treasurers

Name	Years
Rhoades, Eben (Rep)	1864-67
Rhoades, Eben (Rep) died September 9,1869	1867-69
Batterman, Christopher C. (Rep) appointed September 15, 1869 to January 2,1871	1871
Schooling, Jerry (Dem)	1871-75
Schooling, Jerry (Dem)	1875-79
Crockett, Lyman L (Rep)	1879-83
Tufly, George (Rep)	1883-87
Tufly, George (Rep) resigned August 13,1890	1887-90
Richard, George W. (Rep) appointed August 13, 1890 to January ?, 1891	1891
Egan, John F. (Rep) died April 14,1894	1891-94
Richard, George W. (Rep) appointed April 17, 1894 to January 7,1895	1895
Westerfield, William J. (S)	1895-99
Ryan, David M. (S-D)	1899-1903
Ryan, David M (S-D)	1903-07
Ryan, David M. (S-D)	1907 11
McMillan, William (Rep)	1911-15
Malley, Edward C. "Ed" (Dem)	1815-19
Malley, Edward C. "Ed" (Dem)	1819-23
Malley, Edward C. "Ed" (Dem)	1923-27
Malley, Edward C. "Ed" (Dem) elected 1926, disqualified May 1927 under bonding prov	
Russell, George B. (Rep) appointed May 18, 1927 to January 7,1929	1929
Russell, George B. (Rep) elected 1928 to serve unexpired term	1929-31
Russell, George B. (Rep)	1931-35
Franks, Dan W. (Dem)	1935-39
Franks, Dan W. (Dem)	1939-43
Franks, Dan W (Dem)	1943-47
Franks, Dan W. (Dem)	1947-51
Franks, Dan W. (Dem)	1951-55
Franks, Dan W. (Dem)	1955-59
Franks, Dan W. (Dem)	1959-63
Mirabelli, Michael (Dem)	1963-67
Mirabelli, Michael (Dem)	1967-71
Mirabelli, Michael (Dem)	1971-75
Mirabelli, Michael (Dem)	1975-79
Colton, Stanton (Dem)	1979-83
Cafferata, Patricia D.* (Rep)	1983-87
Santor, Kenneth F. (Rep)	1987-91

Seale, Bob (Rep)	1991-95
Seale, Bob (Rep)	1995-99

*First woman elected to the office of State Treasurer.

State Controllers

Name	Years
Nightingill, Alanson W. (Rep)	1864-67
Parkinson, William K. (Rep) died October 14, 1869	1867-69
Doron, Lewis (Rep) appointed October 15,1869 to January 2, 1871	1870
Hobart, William W. (Rep)	1871-75
Hobart, William W. (Rep)	1875-79
Hallock, James F. (Rep)	1879-83
Hallock, James F. (Rep)	1883-87
Hallock, James F. (Rep)	1887-91
Horton, Robert L. (Rep)	1891-95
LaGrave, C. A. (S)	1895-99
Davis, Sam P. (S-D)	1899-1903
Davis, Sam P. (S-D)	1903-07
Eggers, Jacob (Rep)	1907-11
Eggers, Jacob (Rep)	1911-15
Cole, George A. (Dem)	1915-19
Cole, George A. (Dem)	1919-23
Cole, George A. (Dem)	1923-27
Peterson, Edward C. (Rep)	1927-31
Peterson, Edward C. (Rep)	1931-35
Schmidt, Henry C. (Dem)	1935-39
Schmidt, Henry C. (Dem)	1939-43
Schmidt, Henry C. (Dem)	1943-47
Donovan, Jerome P. (Dem)	1947-51
Merialdo, Peter (Rep)	1951-55
Merialdo, Peter (Rep)	1955-59
Lee, Keith L. (Dem)	1959-63
Lee, Keith L. (Dem)	1963-67
McGowan, Wilson (Rep)	1967-71
McGowan, Wilson (Rep)	1971-75
McGowan, Wilson (Rep)	1975-79
McGowan, Wilson (Rep)	1979-83

Daines, Darrel R. (Rep)	1983-87
Daines, Darrel R. (Rep)	1987-91
Daines, Darrel R. (Rep)	1991-99
Augustine, Kathy (Rep)	1999-

Attorneys General

Name	Years
Nourse, George A. (Rep)	1864-67
Clarke, Robert M. (Rep)	1867-71
Buckner, Luther A. (Dem)	1871-75
Kittrell, John R. (Dem)	1875-79
Murphy, Michael A. (Rep)	1879-83
Davenport, William H. (Rep)	1883-87
Alexander, John K. (Rep)	1887-91
Torreyson, James D. (Rep)	1891-95
Beatty, Robert M. (S) died December 10, 1896	1895-96
Judge, James R. (S) appointed December 21, 1896 to January 2, 1899	1899
Jones, William D. (S) resigned January 15, 1901	1899-1901
Woodburn, William (S) appointed January 15,1901 to January 5,1903	1901-03
Sweeney, James G. (S-D)	1903-07
Stoddard, Richard C. (S-D)	1907-11
Baker, Cleveland H. (Dem) died December 5, 1912	1911-12
Thatcher, George B. (Dem) appointed December 6,1912, until next election	1912-15
Thatcher, George B.* (Dem)	1915-19
Fowler, Leonard B. (Dem)	1919-23
Diskin, Michael A, (Dem)	1923-27
Diskin, Michael A. (Dem)	1927-31
Mashburn, Gray (Dem)	1931-35
Mashburn, Gray (Dem)	1935-39
Mashburn, Gray (Dem)	1939-43
Bible, Alan H. (Dem)	1943-47
Bible, Alan H. (Dem)	1947-51
Mathews, Williams T. (Dem)	1951-55
Dickerson, Harvey (Dem)	1955-59
Foley, Roger D. (Dem) resigned July 15, 1962	1959-62
Springer, Charles F. (Dem) appointed July 16, 1962, to serve unexpired term	1962-63

Dickerson, Harvey (Dem)	1963-67
Dickerson, Harvey (Dem)	1967-71
List, Robert (Rep)	1971-75
List, Robert (Rep)	1975-79
Bryan, Richard H. (Dem)	1979-83
McKay, Brian (Rep)	1983-87
McKay, Brian (Rep)	1987-91
Del Papa, Frankie Sue** (Dem)	1991-95
Del Papa, Frankie Sue** (Dem)	1995-99
Del Papa, Frankie Sue** (Dem)	1999-2003

*Appointed by Lieutenant and Acting Governor Gilbert Ross.

**First woman elected to the office of Attorney General.

State Printers*

Name	Years
Church, John (Rep)**	1865-67
Eckley, Joseph F. (Rep)	1867-69
Mighels, Henry R. (Rep)	1869-71
Perkins, Charles L. (Dem)	1871-73
Putnam, Charles A. V. (Rep)	1873-75
Hill, John J. (Dem)†	1875-79

*Stats. of 1864-65, Chap. VII, p.90, creates office of State Printer with 2-year terms. Stats. of 1877, C

**Elected by the 1864 Legislature as provided by law.

†Stats. of 1873, Chap. LX, p.52, changes term of State Printer to 4 years.

Superintendents of State Printing*

Name	Years
Maddrill, John W.** (Rep)	1881-83
Harlow, Joseph C. (Rep)	1883-87
Harlow, Joseph C. (Rep)	1887-91

Eckley, Joseph E. (Rep)	1891-95
McCarthy, Joseph G. (S)	1895-99
Maute, Andrew (S-D)	1899-1903
Maute, Andrew (S-D)	1903-07
McCarthy, Joseph G. (Rep)	1907-11
Farnsworth, Joe (Dem)	1911-15
Farnsworth, Joe (Dem)	1915-19
Farnsworth, Joe (Dem)	1919-23
Farnsworth, Joe (Dem)	1923-27
Farnsworth, Joe (Dem)	1927-31
Farnsworth, Joe (Dem)	1931-35
Farnsworth, Joe (Dem)	1935-39
Farnsworth, Joe (Dem)	1939-43
McCarthy, John A. (Dem)	1943-47
McCarthy, John A. (Dem)	1947-51
McCarthy, John A. (Dem)	1951-55
McCarthy, John A. (Dem)	1955-59
McCarthy, John A. (Dem)	1959-63
McCarthy, John A. (Dem)	1963-67
McCarthy, John A. (Dem) died July 22, 1969	1967-69
Carter, Tom† appointed August 25, 1969	1969-71
Brady, Pat appointed February 1, 1971	1971-76
Bailey, Donald appointed October 30,1976	1976-

*Stats. of 1879, Chap. CXXIX, p 139, created the office of Superintendent of State Printing.

**Appointed by Board of State Printing Commissioners to hold office for 2 years. Thereafter, the Supe

†Statutes of 1969, Chap. 677 abolished the office of Superintendent of State Printing; created the De

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Inspectors of Mines*

Name	Years
Stuart, Edwin E. (Dem) appointed April 1,1909, removed January 10, 1910	1909-10
Ryan, Edward (Dem) appointed January 18,1910 to January 2, 1911	1911

Ryan, Edward** (Dem)	1911-15
Stinson, Andy J. (Rep)	1915-19
Stinson, Andy J. (Rep)	1919-23
Stinson, Andy J. (Rep)	1923-27
Stinson, Andy J. (Rep)	1927-31
Stinson, Andy J. (Rep)	1931-35
Murphy, Matt (Dem)	1935-39
Murphy, Matt (Dem)	1939-43
Murphy, Matt (Dem)	1943-47
Murphy, Matt (Dem) died March 5,1947	1947
Bernard, Arthur E. (Dem) appointed March 10,1947 to January 1, 1951	1947-51
Gallagher, Mervin J. (Dem)	1951-55
Gallagher, Mervin J. (Dem)	1955-59
Gallagher, Mervin J. (Dem)	1959-63
Gallagher, Mervin J. (Dem)	1963-67
Gallagher, Mervin J. (Dem) died September 28,1970	1967-70
Springer, Harry E.† (Dem)	1971-74

*Stats. of 1909, Chap. CLXXVI, p.218, creates the office of Inspector of Mines with 2-year terms.

**Elected to a 2-year term. Stats. of 1911, Chap. 17, p 17, changes the term of Inspector of mines to

†Statutes of 1973, Chapter 728 abolishes the office of Inspector of Mines.

Surveyors General*

Name	Years
Marlette, Seneca H. (Rep)	1864-67
Marlette, Seneca H.** (Rep)	1867-69
Day, John (Rep) elected to serve unexpired term.	1869-71
Day, John (Rep).	1871-75
Day, John (Rep) -	1875-79
Hatch, Andrew J. (Rep)	1879-83
Preble, Charles S. (Rep)	1883-87
Jones, John E. (Rep)	1887-91
Jones, John E. (Rep)	1891-95
Pratt, A. C. (S)	1895-99
Kelley, Edward D. (S-D)	1899 1903
Kelley, Edward D. (S-D)	1903-07
Kelley, Edward D. (S-D) died March 18,1908	1907-08
Deady, Charles L. (S-D) appointed February 25, 1908 to January 4, 1909 .	1909

Deady, Charles L. (Dem) elected 1908 to serve unexpired term	1909-11
Deady, Charles L. (Dem)	1911-15
Deady, Charles L. (Dem)	1915-19
Deady, Charles L. (Dem)	1919-23
Deady, Charles L. (Dem)	1923-27
Watt, George (Rep) died August 29,1928	1927-29
Lotz, Thomas A. (Rep) appointed August 4, 1928 to January 7,1929	1929
Lotz, Thomas A. (Rep) elected 1928 to serve unexpired term	1929-31
Lotz, Thomas A. (Rep)	1931-35
Staley, Ray F. (Dem)	1935-39
McLeod, Wayne (Dem)	1939-43
McLeod, Wayne (Dem)	1943-47
McLeod, Wayne (Dem)	1947-51
Ferrari, Louis (Dem)	1951-55
Ferrari, Louis (Dem)	1955-57

*Stat. of 1957, Chap. 364, p. 646, abolishes the office of Surveyor General effective July 1 1957.

**Marlette was reelected in 1866. However, he failed to qualify, so the Governor appointed him to the

Superintendents of Public Instruction*

Name	Years
White, Asa F. (Rep)	1864-67
Fisher, A. N. (Rep)	1867-71
Fisher, A. N. (Rep)	1871-75
Kelly, Samuel P. (Rep)	1875-79
Sessions, David R. (Dem)	1879-83
Young, Charles S. (Rep)	1883-87
Dovey, W. C. (Rep)	1881-91
Ring, Orvis (Rep)	1891-95
Cutting, Henry C. (S)	1895-99
Ring, Orvis (Rep)	1899-1903
Ring, Orvis (Rep)	1903-07
Ring, Orvis (Rep) died September 13,1910	1907-11
Bray, John Edwards (Dem) appointed September 20,1910 to January 2, 1911	1911
Bray, John Edwards (Dem)	1911-15
Bray, John Edwards (Dem)	1915-19
Hunting, W. J.**	1919-23
Hunting, W. J.	1923-27
Anderson, Walter W.	1927-30
Anderson, Walter W.	1930-31
Smith, Chauncey W. died December 4,1937	1935-37
Bray, Mildred N. appointed December 8,1937 to January 2,1939	1939

Bray, Mildred N.	1939 43
Bray, Mildred N.	1943-47
Bray, Mildred N.	1947- 51
Duncan, Glenn A.	1951-55
Duncan, Glenn A. died June 27, 1956	1955-56
Stetler, Byron F. appointed July 11,1956 to January 7,1957	
Stetler, Byron F. elected 1956 to serve unexpired term	1957-59

*Superintendent of Public Instruction was made an appointive office at the 1956 general election. Me

**Stats. of 1917, Chap. 197, p.385, made all school offices nonpartisan.

State Mineralogist*

Name	**Years**
Stretch, Richard H.**	1864-65
White, Asa F.**	1866-70
Whitehill, Henry R. (Rep)	1871-74
Whitehill, Henry R. (Rep)	1875-78

*Stats. of 1866, Chap. CVI, p.206, creates the appointive office of State Mineralogist. Stats. of 1869,

**Appointed.