

## Executive Office



### General Overview

The Michigan constitution provides that the executive power is vested in the Governor. The Governor appoints department directors as well as members of State boards and commissions, and recommends the annual State budget to the Legislature. The Governor has other powers and responsibilities as provided by the State Constitution, including the authority to organize State government through Executive Orders, veto power, line-item veto power for appropriation bills, and the authority to fill judicial vacancies. The Executive Office also includes the budget for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor serves as Governor during the Governor's absence, presides over the State Senate, and performs other duties and responsibilities as designated by the Governor.

### Major Divisions and Programs

**Cabinet Affairs/Policy Division.** The division works with State departments and agencies in the development and implementation of Executive initiatives and policies; and advises the Governor on policy issues.

**Communications Division.** The division works with the media to provide the public with news about State government and is responsible for all media relations.

**Constituent Services Division.** The division manages responses to citizens regarding State policies and programs; and coordinates agency support between constituents and State departments.

**Appointments Division.** The division recommends to the Governor individuals for appointments to administrative positions, boards, and commissions.

**Scheduling Division.** The division develops and manages the Governor's daily schedule.

**Operations Division.** The division provides support services for the Executive Office including coordination of facilities, personnel, budget, and information technology.

**Legal Division.** The division provides legal counsel to the Governor.

**Legislative Affairs Division.** The division serves as a liaison between the Executive and Legislative branches of government to pass legislation that implements the Governor's policies.

**Satellite Offices.** Offices in Detroit and Marquette serve as liaisons to constituents and elected officials in southeastern and northern Michigan. The Washington D.C. Office represents the State's interests at the Federal level.

**Office of the Lieutenant Governor.** The office provides staff support to the Lieutenant Governor.