

Offices to Run for at Girls State

(Offices you can run for at Girls State. You must declare which office you are running for before you arrive on campus-Google form #2)

ELECTIONS

Candidates will be elected to National, State and County office. **Every Delegate must campaign for one of the following offices.** (Judicial positions are considered a State or County Office)

NATIONAL

U.S. Senators (2) and **U.S. Representative** represent the state in Congress in Washington, DC

STATE

Governor - Chief Executive; appoints (with approval of the Senate) appointed officers and members of boards and commissions; approves or vetoes legislation
DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR OF GIRLS STATE

The Girls State Governor will be required to return to the next Girls State session where she will be an exemplary role model for the Delegates, will meet with the Mayors each morning in the Governor's Council, will be an assistant to the Political Coordinator, will be the Mistress of Ceremonies at General Sessions, etc., and will address the Delegates and Staff on her year as Governor. She will then be asked to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention the following weekend to give a report to the members.

Secretary of State - Acting Governor in case of death or absence from the State by the Governor; custodian of official State documents and seal

State Auditor - Keeps the financial records of the State

State Treasurer - Receives and invests State funds; heads Workers' Compensation Department

Superintendent of Public Instruction - Is general supervisor of schools and rehabilitation

(The above five elected State officials serve on the various boards and commissions having charge of the State's charitable and penal institutions, and other functions of the State.)

COUNTY

County Assessor - Places the value on all property for taxation

County Attorney - Represents the County in all legal matters

County Clerk - Secretary at all County meetings; supervises distribution of election supplies; keeps records of deeds and all public transactions; issues licenses; acts as Clerk to County Commissioners

County Commissioners (3) - Has the power to represent the County; care for County property; examine and settle all accounts of receipts and expenses of the County; build and keep in repair all County buildings; issue County orders; to apportion and order the levying of taxes as provided by law; and to establish election precincts

County Coroner - Inquires by request, if deemed necessary, held in the absence of a jury, into the cause of death, where there is a reason to suppose it is not due to natural causes

County Sheriff - Has charge of law enforcement in the County; serves papers and summons; is responsible for prisoners in jail

County Treasurer - Collects taxes for the State, County, City and School Districts; pays County bills authorized by the County Commissioners

Clerk of District Court - Keeps the dockets for civil, criminal and probate court. (Clerk or Deputy Clerk must be present at all jury trials)

JUDICIAL (Non-Partisan)

Justices of the Supreme Court (5) - The final arbitrator of cases that arise under State Law

Judges of the District Court (17) - Member of trial court that has jurisdiction over felony criminal and civil cases as well as the juvenile and probate matters within a specific judicial district

Judges of Circuit Court (20) - Member of a court that has limited jurisdiction to handle misdemeanors and cases in which damages sought do not exceed \$7,000.00 within certain counties