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Mission Statement

In the case of the removal of the governor from office by impeachment, death, resignation, disqualification, disability, or removal from the state, the lieutenant governor is to be the governor. As the President of the Senate, the lieutenant governor makes rulings on all points of order, appoints joint committees, and casts tie-breaking votes in the Senate. As the second highest elected official in the state, the lieutenant governor is an active voice in statewide policy considerations. Perhaps most important, the lieutenant governor's office is dedicated to providing South Carolina citizens with program assistance and constituent service. The office helps citizens by directing them to appropriate state agencies and cutting through red tape.

Program Goal

It is the goal of the lieutenant governor's office to provide leadership on legislative matters pertaining to the Senate and policy matters affecting citizens throughout the state. It is a top priority to provide effective and expedient responses to concerns from the general public and to serve as a source of constructive constituent service. The lieutenant governor's office also works in conjunction with state agencies, the private sector, and citizens to develop new initiatives to provide for more efficient government and pro-family, pro-business policy.

Program Objectives

The lieutenant governor looks to communicate the concerns of all residents of South Carolina by providing strong leadership and immediate direction as President of the Senate. It is also the objective of the office of the lieutenant governor to respond to all constituent requests in a timely and effective fashion, whether contacted via mail, e-mail, or phone. Lastly, the lieutenant governor's office is dedicated to the administration of the statewide independence performance audit, as well as working with the private sector to create a private-public partnership to stimulate economic growth for existing business by utilizing existing resources.

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Performance Measures

Performance is measured by how effectively the lieutenant governor and staff reach out to the public and positively impact the lives of South Carolina citizens. Quantitatively, the office of lieutenant governor also measures performance based on successful constituent assistance. Policy initiatives that the lieutenant governor becomes involved in are measured in terms of successful outcomes, e.g., whether or not the legislation passes, program is created, etc.