

- Governors
  - Chief executive
    - Political & ceremonial head
    - All states directly elect
    - Hold considerable power
    - Most important = veto
    - Another = appointment of vacancy US Senate seat
    - State of the State
  - Duties & Responsibilities
    - Wears many hats
    - Developing/Making Public Policy
      - Policy =
    - Marshaling Legislative Action
      - Achieve goals thru legislative process
      - Partisanship

- Personality
- Elections
- “Pork”
- Administering the Executive Branch
  - Chief executive
  - Like cheerleader
  - Separation-of-power & checks-&-balances
  - Ex. CEO
- Master of Ceremonies
- Coordinating Intergovernmental Relations
  - Govs = point-men
  - Fed-to-state
  - State –to-state
  - State-to-local

- National Governors Association
- Promoting Economic Development
  - Recruit businesses
  - Increase tourism
  - Travel abroad
- Leading Political Party
  - Highest ranking member of state party
- MA Executive & Constitutional Officers
  - Gov = represents executive power
    - Only exercises some of its rights
  - MA Constitution =14 constitutional officers:
    - Gov & Lt Gov
    - Secretary & Treasurer
    - Attorney General
    - Gov's Council

- Auditor
- Changes
- Term begins
  
- Governor
  - “Supreme executive magistrate”
    - Title = “His Excellency”
    - Qualifications
  - Most authority from Constitution
    - Powers =
    - Power to reorganize gov’t structure
    - Cabinet system
      - Today = 8 positions
    - Authority to appoint
      - Today = over 500 boards/commissions
      - Heads of major agencies/departments

- Can't exercise effective oversight

- Line of succession

- Lt. Governor

- Created by King

- Primary purpose

- Elected w/ Gov

- Title = "His Honor"

- *Acting Governor*

- Member of Council

- Governor's Council

- 8 plus Lt Gov

- Elections

- Major function = check on Gov

- Must give consent to:

- Secretary of Commonwealth
  - Keeps records
  - Elected
  
- Attorney General
  - Chief legal officer
  - Elected
  - May provide legal advice
  - AG's certification
  
- Treasurer & Receiver-General
  - Custodian of all state funds
  - Elected
  
- Auditor
  - Oversee use of all gov't funds
  - Elected