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AL	http://www.sos.state.al.us/election/index.cfm	334-242-4845	County Clerk	67	4	2006	Off-year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	
AK	http://www.gov.state.ak.us/ltgov/elections/homepage.html	907-465-4611	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	
AZ	http://www.sosaz.com/election/	602-542-8683	County Clerk	15	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
AR	http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/elections.html	501-682-1010	County Clerk	75	2	2006	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	51 of 75 also collect taxes
CA	http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections.htm	916-657-2166	County Clerk	58	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	County Board	
CO	http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.htm	303-894-2200 x6307	County Clerk	64	4	2006	Off-Year	Most have unlimited terms; 16 cos. are limited to two consecutive terms; two cos. are limited to three consecutive terms*	Partisan	County Board	Appointed Sheriff in Denver and Bloomfield *Sheriffs Limited to Two Consecutive Terms in: Adams, Boulder, Conejos, Costilla, Delta, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Huerfano, Jefferson, Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma, Teller, Weld, and Yuma Cos. *Sheriffs Limited to Three Consecutive Terms in Arapahoe and Summit Cos.
CT	http://www.sots.state.ct.us/ElectionsDivision/Electionindex.html	860-509-6100	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	County Board	

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DE	http://www.state.de.us/election/	302-739-4277	State Elections	3	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	
FL	http://election.dos.state.fl.us/	850-245-6200	County Clerk	67	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Most Partisan, Some Non-Partisan by Charter*	Governor	Appointed Sheriff in Miami-Dade *Non-Partisan Elections in Columbia, Gadsden, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Polk, Volusia Cos.
GA	http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/	404-656-2871	County Clerk	159	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Probate Judge	Telfair Sheriff has a two-term limit
HI	http://www.hawaii.gov/elections/	808-453-8683	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/A	N/A	
ID	http://www.idsos.state.id.us/elect/eleindex.htm	208-334-2300	County Clerk	44	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
IL	http://www.elections.state.il.us/	217-782-4141	County Clerk	102	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	Smaller co. sheriffs also serve as treasurer
IN	http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/	317-232-3939	County Clerk	92	4	2006	Off-Year	Two consecutive terms	Partisan	Party of Prior Sheriff Appoints	

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IO	http://www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/index.html	515-281-0145	County Clerk	99	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
KS	http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections.html	785-296-4561	County Clerk	105	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	Riley Co. No elected sheriff
KT	http://www.sos.state.ky.us/INDEX/main/elecdiv.asp	502-573-7100	County Clerk	120	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Special Election	Not in charge of the Jails; Act as Tax Collector; Elected Jailors
LA	http://www.sec.state.la.us/elections/elections-index.htm	225-922-0900	State Elections	65	4	2008; Orleans in 2006	Neither	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	Special Election	Orleans Parish Sheriff only one NOT to act as Tax Collector; Seperated into Criminal & Civil Div.; Term begins July 1, not Jan.1
ME	http://www.state.me.us/sos/cec/elec/elec.htm	207-624-7650	State Elections	16	4	Terms Staggered Every Other Year (14 cos. In '06, 2 cos. in '08)	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	2006 Elections: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, Washington, York 2008 Elections: Franklin & Sagadahoc
MD	http://www.elections.state.md.us/	410-269-2840	State Elections	23 + 1 City (BALT)	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	Baltimore City and Baltimore Co. each have an elected Sheriff

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MA	http://www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/eleidx.htm	617-727-2828	State Elections	14	6	2010	Alternating	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	
MI	http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633---,00.html	517-373-2540	County Clerk	83	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Judge, Prosecutor & Clerk Appoint or Special Election	
MN	http://www.sos.state.mn.us/election/index.html	651-215-1440	State Elections	87	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	County Board	
MS	http://www.sos.state.ms.us/elections/elections.asp	601-576-2550	State Elections	82	4	2007	Neither	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
MO	http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/Default.asp	573-751-2301	County Clerk	114 + 1 City (STL)	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Special Election	Sheriff in City of STL is elected Sheriff in County of STL is appointed
MT	http://sos.state.mt.us/css/ELB/Contents.asp	888-884-8683	County Clerk	56	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
NE	http://www.sos.state.ne.us/Elections/election.htm	402-471-2555	County Clerk	93	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
NV	http://sos.state.nv.us/nvelection/	775-684-5705	County Clerk	17	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	

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NH	http://www.sos.nh.gov/electionsnew.htm	603-271-3242	County Clerk	10	2	2006	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	Sheriffs must retire at 70 years of age
NJ	http://www.state.nj.us/lps/elections/electionshome.html	609-292-3760	County Clerk	21	3	Terms Staggered Every Year (4 cos. in '05, 5 cos. in '06, 12 cos. in '07)	Every Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board or Special Election	2005 Elections: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Mercer 2006 Elections: Camden, Essex, Gloucester, Ocean, Salem 2007 Elections: Bergen, Burlington, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren

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NM	http://web.state.nm.us/Election/ElectionInfo.htm	505-827-3600	County Clerk	33	4	2006	Off-Year	Two consecutive terms	Partisan	County Board	

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NY	http://www.elections.state.ny.us/	518-474-6220	County Clerk	62	4	Terms Staggered Every Year (14cos. in '05, 23 cos. in '06, 14 cos. in '07, 4 cos. in '08)	Every Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	<p>NYC Sheriff Appointed by Mayor Undersheriffs serve - Bronx, Kings, Queens, and Richmond Nassau Sheriff Appointed by Co.Exec. Westchester Co. has Commissioner of Public Safety Appointed by Co.Exec.</p> <p>2005 Elections: Albany, Cattaraugus, Chemung, Columbia, Essex, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Putnam, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schuyler, Suffolk, Sullivan</p> <p>2006 Elections: Allegany, Broome, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Clinton, Delaware, Erie, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange, Oswego, Otsego, Schenectady, Steuben, Tompkins, Ulster, Wayne</p> <p>2007 Elections: Chenango, Cortland, Dutchess, Fulton, Herkimer, Lewis, Orleans, Rensselaer, Rockland, Seneca, Tioga, Warren, Washington, Yates</p> <p>2008 Elections: Genesee, Greene, St. Lawrence, Wyoming</p>

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NC	http://www.app2.sboe.state.nc.us/	919-733-7173	County Clerk	100	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
ND	http://www.state.nd.us/sec/electvote/	701-328-4146	State Elections	53	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
OH	http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/elections/index.html	614-466-2585	County Clerk	88	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
OK	http://www.state.ok.us/~elections/	405-521-2391	County Clerk	77	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
OR	http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/elechp.htm	503-986-1518	County Clerk	36	4	Terms Staggered Every Other Year (15 cos in '06, 21 cos. in '08)	Both	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	County Board	2006 Elections: Benton, Coos, Crook, Grant, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Willamette, Yamhill 2008 Elections: Baker, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Harney, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Malheur, Morrow, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Washington, Wheeler

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PA	http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bcel/site/default.asp	717-787-5280	County Clerk	67	4	Terms Staggered Every Other Year (32 cos. in '06, 35 cos. in '08)	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	Constables Northampton Co. Sheriff is Appointed by Co.Exec. 2006 Elections: Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Blair, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Columbia, Cumberland, Delaware, Erie, Forest, Greene, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lycoming, McKean, Mifflin, Perry, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Washington; 2008 Elections: Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Clinton, Crawford, Dauphin, Elk, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Indiana, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Philadelphia, Potter, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Warren, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming, York
RI	http://www.elections.state.ri.us/	401-222-2345	Town Clerk	5	Appointed	Appointed	N/A	Unlimited	Appointed	Governor	Gubernatorial Appointment

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SC	http://www.state.sc.us/scsec/	803-734-9366	State Elections	46	4	Terms Staggered Every Other Year (7 cos. in '06, 39 cos. in '08)	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor or Special Election	2006 Elections: Berkeley, Beaufort, Allendale, Chesterfield, Cherokee, Hampton, Kershaw 2008 Elections: Abbeville, Aiken, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Charleston, Chester, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Horry, Jasper, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, Williamsburg, York
SD	http://www.sdsos.gov/elections/	605-773-3537	County Clerk	66	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
TN	http://www.state.tn.us/sos/election.htm	615-741-7956	County Clerk	95	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	County Board	County General Election in August 2006
TX	http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml	512-463-5650	County Clerk	254	4	2008	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	smaller co. sheriffs also serve as tax assessors-collectors

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UT	http://elections.utah.gov/	801-538-1041	County Clerk	29	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
VT	http://vermont-elections.org/soshome.htm	802-828-2363	State Elections	14	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	
VA	http://www.sbe.state.va.us/	804 786-6551	State Elections	95 counties & 29 cities	4	2007	Neither	Unlimited	Partisan	Chief Deputy Fills Position	
WA	http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/	360-902-4180	County Clerk	39	4	2006 (Snohomish & Whatcom in 2008)	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	Pierce Sheriff is Appointed
WV	http://www.wvsos.com/elections/main.htm	304-558-8000	County Clerk	55	4	2008	On-Year	Two consecutive terms	Partisan	County Board	Also serve as treasurer
WI	http://elections.state.wi.us/	608-266-8005	County Clerk	72	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	
WY	http://soswy.state.wy.us/election/election.htm	307-777-7186	County Clerk	23	4	2006	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	

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