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AL	http://sos.state.al.us/Elections/Default.aspx	County Clerk	67	4	2018	Off-year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	
AK	http://www.elections.alaska.gov/	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	
AZ	http://www.azsos.gov/election/	County Clerk	15	4	2016	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
AR	http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/elections.html	County Clerk	75	2	2016	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	51 of 75 also collect taxes
CA	http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections.htm	County Clerk	58	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	County Board	

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CO	http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.htm	County Clerk	64	4	2018	Off-Year	Most have unlimited terms; 12 cos. are limited to two consecutive terms; five cos. are limited to three consecutive terms; one is limited to four consecutive terms*	Partisan	County Board	Appointed Sheriff in Denver and Bloomfield *Sheriffs Limited to Two Consecutive Terms in: Conejos, Costilla, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Huerfano, Jefferson, Moffat, Montezuma, Teller, and Yuma Cos. *Sheriffs Limited to Three Consecutive Terms in Adams, Arapahoe, Larimer, Summit, and Weld Cos. *Sheriffs Limited to Four Consecutive Terms in: Boulder
CT	http://www.sots.state.ct.us/Elections/Division/Electionindex.html	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	County Board	
DE	http://www.state.de.us/election/	State Elections	3	4	2017	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	

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FL	http://election.dos.state.fl.us/	County Clerk	67	4	2016 (Duval County 2015)	Off-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/	County Clerk	159	4	2016	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Probate Judge	Telfair Sheriff has a two-term limit
HI	http://www.hawaii.gov/elections/	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/A	N/A	
ID	http://www.idsos.state.id.us/elect/eindex.htm	County Clerk	44	4	2016	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
IL	http://www.elections.state.il.us/	County Clerk	102	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	Smaller co. sheriffs also serve as treasurer
IN	http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/	County Clerk	92	4	2018	Off-Year	Two consecutive terms	Partisan	Party of Prior Sheriff Appoints	
IA	http://www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/index.html	County Clerk	99	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
KS	http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections.html	County Clerk	105	4	2016	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	Riley Co. No elected sheriff
KY	http://www.sos.state.ky.us/INDEX/main/electdiv.asp	County Clerk	120	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Special Election	Not in charge of the Jails; Act as Tax Collector; Elected Jailors

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LA	http://www.sec.state.la.us/elections/elections-index.htm	State Elections	65	4	2015; Orleans in 2018	Neither	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	Special Election	Orleans Parish Sheriff is the only one NOT to act as Tax Collector; Separated into Criminal & Civil Div.; Term begins July 1, not Jan.1
ME	http://www.state.me.us/sos/cec/elec/elec.htm	State Elections	16	4	Terms Staggered Every Other Year (2 cos. in '16, 14 cos. In '18)	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	2016 Elections: Franklin & Sagadahoc 2018 Elections: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, Washington, York
MD	http://www.elections.state.md.us/	State Elections	23 + 1 City (BALT)	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	Baltimore City and Baltimore Co. each have an elected Sheriff
MA	http://www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/eleidx.htm	State Elections	14	6	2016	Alternating	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	
MI	http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633---,00.html	County Clerk	83	4	2016	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Judge, Prosecutor & Clerk Appoint or Special Election	

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MN	http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=4	State Elections	87	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	County Board	
MS	http://www.sos.ms.gov/elections.aspx	State Elections	82	4	2015	Neither	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
MO	http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/Default.asp	County Clerk	114 + 1 City (STL)	4	2016	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Special Election	Sheriff in City of STL is elected Sheriff in County of STL is appointed
MT	http://sos.mt.gov/elections/	County Clerk	56	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
NE	http://www.sos.ne.gov/elec/	County Clerk	93	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
NV	http://nvsos.gov/index.aspx?page=3	County Clerk	17	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
NH	http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx	County Clerk	10	2	2016	On-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	Sheriffs must retire at 70 years of age

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NJ	http://nj.gov/state/elections/index.html	County Clerk	21	3	Terms Staggered Every Year (4 cos. in '15, 12 cos. in '16, 5 cos. in '17)	Every Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board or Special Election	2015 Elections: Camden, Essex, Gloucester, and Salem 2016 Elections: Bergen, Burlington, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morriw, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren 2017 Elections: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Mercer, and Union
NM	http://www.sos.state.nm.us/	County Clerk	33	4	2016	Off-Year	Two consecutive terms	Partisan	County Board	

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NY	http://www.elections.ny.gov/	County Clerk	62	4	Terms Staggered Every Year (17 cos. in '15, 2 cos. in '16, 13 cos. in '17, 23 cos. in '18)	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>2015 Elections: Albany, Cortland, Dutchess, Fulton, Greene, Herkimer, Lewis, Orleans, Rensselaer, Rockland, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Sullivan, Tioga, Warren, Washington, Yates</p> <p>2016 Elections: Genesee, Hamilton, Niagara, Steuben</p> <p>2017 Elections: Chenango, Cattaraugus, Chemung, Columbia, Erie, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Putnam, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Schuyler, Suffolk, Wayne, Wyoming</p> <p>2018 Elections: Allegany, Broome, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Clinton, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange, Oswego, Otsego, Tompkins, Ulster</p>

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NC	http://www.app2.sboe.state.nc.us/	County Clerk	100	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	In some counties the vacancy is filled by the County Board with whomever they select. In other counties, while the appointment is made by the County Board, they are bound to appoint the person selected by the political party of the most recent sheriff.
ND	http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/	State Elections	53	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
OH	http://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections.aspx	County Clerk	88	4	2016	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
OK	http://www.state.ok.us/~elections/	County Clerk	77	4	2016	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
OR	http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/elechp.htm	County Clerk	36	4	Terms Staggered Every Other Year (22 cos. in '16, 14 cos. in '18)	Both	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	County Board	2016 Elections: Baker, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Washington, Wheeler 2018 Elections: Benton, Coos, Crook, Gilliam, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Linn, Multnomah, Polk, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Yamhill

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PA	http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bcel/site/default.asp	County Clerk	67	4	Terms Staggered Every Other Year (35 cos. in '15, 32 cos. in '17)	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	Northampton Co. Sheriff is Appointed by Co.Exec. 2015 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 2017 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
RI	http://www.elections.state.ri.us/	Town Clerk	5	Appointed	Appointed	N/A	Unlimited	Appointed	Governor	Gubernatorial Appointment

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SC	http://www.state.sc.us/scsec/	State Elections	46	4	Terms Staggered Every Other Year (39 cos. in '16, 7 cos. in '18)	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor or Special Election	<p>2016 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</p> <p>2018 Elections: Berkeley, Beaufort, Allendale, Chesterfield, Cherokee, Hampton, Kershaw</p>
SD	https://sdsos.gov/Elections/Default.aspx	County Clerk	66	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
TN	http://www.tn.gov/sos/election/	County Clerk	95	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Nonpartisan	County Board	General Election in August
TX	http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml	County Clerk	254	4	2016	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	smaller co. sheriffs also serve as tax assessors-collectors
UT	http://elections.utah.gov/	County Clerk	29	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	

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VT	http://vermont-elections.org/soshome.htm	State Elections	14	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	
VA	http://www.sbe.state.va.us/	State Elections	95 counties & 29 cities	4	2015 county sheriffs/ 2017 city sheriffs	Off/Off Years	Unlimited	Partisan	Chief Deputy Fills Position	
WA	http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/	County Clerk	39	4	2018 (Snohomish & Whatcom in 2015, Pierce in 2016)	Both	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	
WV	http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx	County Clerk	55	4	2016	Off-Year	Two consecutive terms	Partisan	County Board	Also serve as treasurer
WI	http://gab.wi.gov/	County Clerk	72	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	Governor	
WY	http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Elections.aspx	County Clerk	23	4	2018	Off-Year	Unlimited	Partisan	County Board	

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