* Executive Branch and Cabinets

Local Observations

City Hall –

2nd Tuesday of the month

Call ahead to be sure.

Seriously – you don’t want to meet the Searcy PD…

Why do they do that 2nd Tuesday thing?

Because the Thursday before every meeting there is a “Pre-Council”

Can we go to that one?

You betcha!

Two Hints for Test Three

Do Your Readings!

Know Your People!

Let’s Talk About Governors  
Who Are They? What Do They Do?

Gubernatorial Demographics

Political Career Paths

Roles of Governors (NOT Powers)

Chief of State

Commander in Chief

Chief Administrator (CEO)

History  
General trend of increasing power, increasing centralization

Began as a VERY weak office

Jacksonian populism began growth in power

Results: Consolidation of agencies, extended terms, veto power

Rosenthal’s Informal Powers:

Initiation

Publicity

Power of Party/ Party Leadership

Let’s Talk About Governors: Strong vs Weak

**Table 6.1, pp. 208-209:**

Institutional Powers

(Schlesinger/Beyle)

Seperately Elected Officials,

Tenure Potential,

Appointment Powers,

Budget Power,

Veto Power,

Party Control

(Six scores averaged)

**Table 6.2, pp. 215-216:**

Personal Powers

(Thad Beyle)

Electoral Mandate,

Ambition Ladder,

Personal Future’

General Performance,

GPP: Governor’s Personal Power Index

(Four scores averaged)

“It Varies From State to State”

Lieutenant Governor

Runs on a separate ticket in 18 states

Serves as President of the Senate in 20 states

Seven states make do without! (New Jersey finally got one in 2010!)

Variance in power is HUGE! (Texas vs. Florida)

Constitutional Officers

Attorney General: All 50 states; elected in 43 states

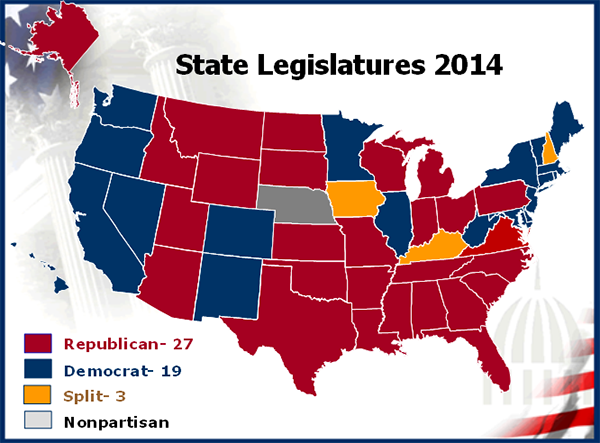
Secretary of State: In 47 states; elected in 36 states

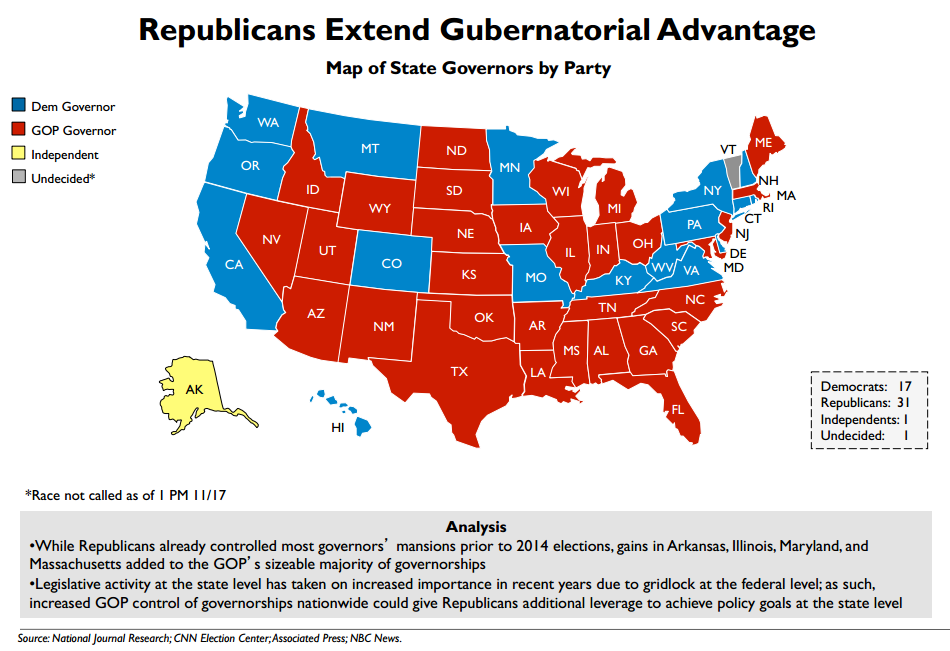
Treasurer of State: In 48 states; elected in 36 states

Auditor of State (or Comptroller): In 25 states

Partisan…

http://ballotpedia.org/Gubernatorial\_and\_legislative\_party\_control\_of\_state\_government





**Arkansas’ Executive Branch**

**Governor’s Powers:**

**Separately elected officials**

* **Lt Gov, Sec of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Atty General**

**Tenure potential**

* **Two 4 year terms**

**Appointment power**

* **3000 board appointments; all vacancies but US House, Assembly or Lt Gov**

**Budget power**

* **Recommends budget to Assembly**

**Veto power**

* **5 days to sign or veto; has line item veto; only takes 50%+1 to override**
* **No pocket veto**

**Party control (not an enumerated power)**

* **De facto party leader**

Other Powers or Roles:

**Legislative**

* **Calls special sessions and dictates an agenda that must be completed first**
* **Proposes “Governor’s Package” and “Governor’s Program” (p35 GIA)**

**Judicial**

* **Reprieves**
* **Commutations (Rockefeller the first)**
* **Pardons**
* **Also, extradition and fills judicial vacancies**

**Commander in Chief**

* **Head of Arkansas National Guard (until activated or “called up”) (Faubus)**

**Reorganizes Gov’t**

* **Last major reorg was 1971 under Bumpers (60 down to 13)**
* **2003 Huckabee tried for 50 down to 10**

NOT A GOOD YEAR FOR CABINET OFFICERS….

Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas

* The State’s VP
* Runs on separate ticket (as in 18 other states)
* Serves as President of the Senate
* Assumes Duties and Powers of the Governor (and now “office”) if the Governor is unavailable.
* Former LT Gov Mark Darr (R) resigned effective Feb 1, 2014 after the Ethics Commission sanctioned him regarding campaign finance rules.
* Other Constitutional Officers
* Attorney General
* Secretary of State
* Treasurer of State
* Auditor of State
* Special Statutory Officer

Commissioner of State Lands

* Attorney General

The State’s Lawyer

Leslie Rutledge (R)

(Former AG Dustin McDaniel (D) didn’t run for Governor after all, what with his affair with the “craziest lawyer in all of Hot Springs” going public…)

* Secretary of State

The State’s Race Car driver…

Mark Martin (R)

The State’s Record Keeper

(Was the state’s fiddle player: Charlie Daniels(D))

* Treasurer of State

The State’s Bank (and Investment Banker)

Dennis Milligan (R)

(Former Treasurer Martha Shoffner (D) resigned due to a bakery/bribery scandal. Seriously. You can’t make that up.)

* Auditor of State

The State’s Accountant

Andrea Lea (R)

(Also was once Charlie Daniels – He was especially good at musical chairs!)

* Commissioner of State Lands

The State’s Repo Man

Returns defaulted land back to tax paying status

Special Statutory Officer

John Thurston (R)

(*This* was the race with Elvis D. Presley as a write-in candidate. Imposter. Everyone knows Elvis’ middle initial was A!)

Boards and Commissions

* Semi-independent, appointed authorities who control among other things:
* Land use
* Professional licensure and practice
* Education
* Expenditure of state funds
* Biggest: State Highway Commission, State Economic Development Board
* http://arkansasedc.com/
* http://www.arkansashighways.com/commission.aspx
* <http://www.aroptometry.org/>
* Let’s talk about footnotes
* Kate Turabian – a paper writer’s BFF, which is a little creepy, since she’s been dead since 1987.
* Your research project requires Turabian style footnotes. If you haven’t already got a copy, get one!

