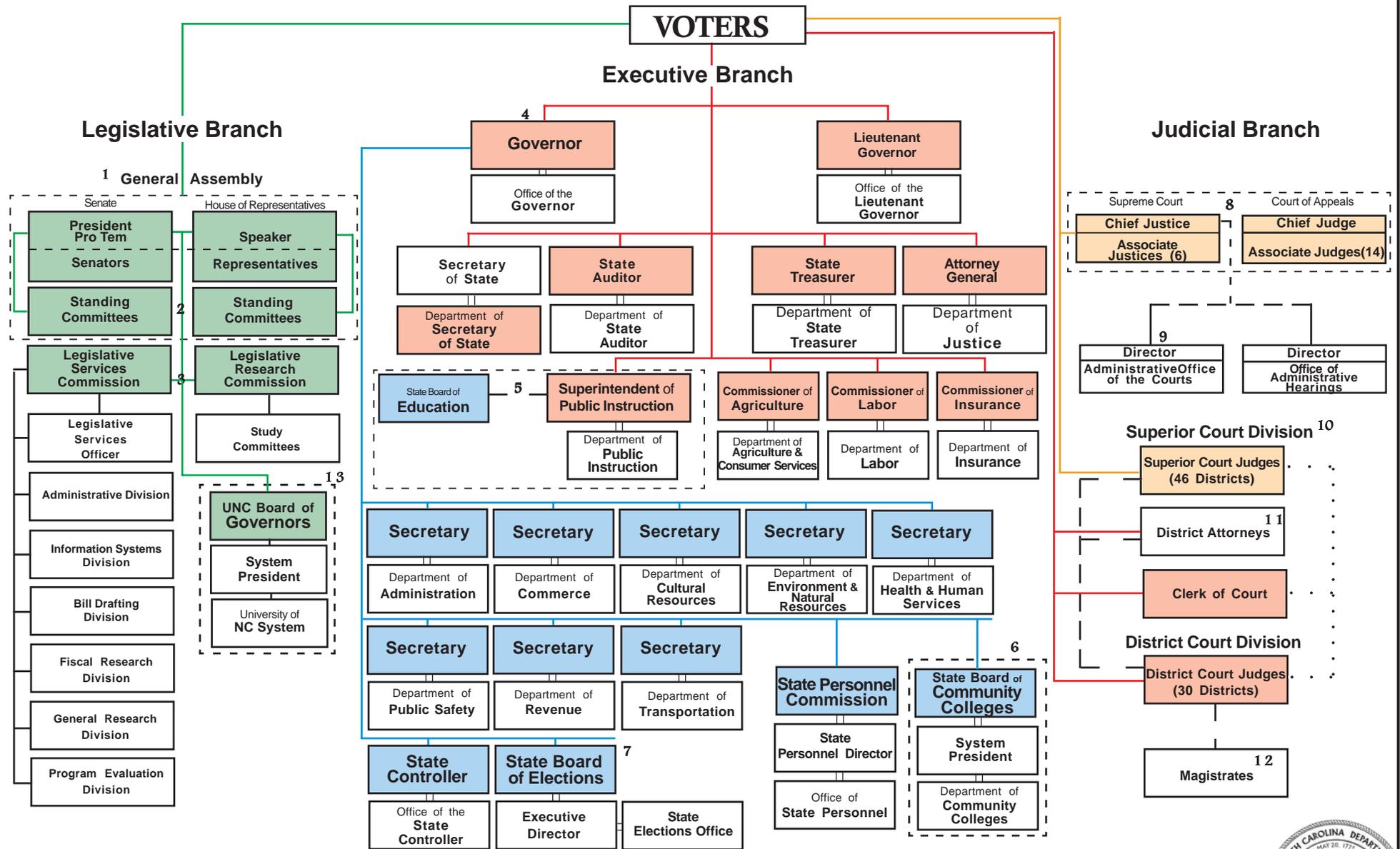


Organizational Chart of North Carolina State Government

2013



Legend

- elected to 2 year term
- elected to 8 year term
- elected to 4 year term
- appointed by the Governor
- auxiliary lines of authority
- administrative control over branch division or department
- lines of appointment authority

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Notes of Explanation

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1 The North Carolina General Assembly is divided into two chambers - the Senate with 50 members and the House of Representatives with 120. The Lieutenant Governor is presiding officer of the Senate.

2 Legislators are appointed to one or more committees within their respective chambers by the presiding officers of their chambers.

3 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House serve on the Legislative Services and Legislative Research Commission. They also appoint 5 members each from their respective chambers to serve on the Legislative Research Commission and 4 each to serve on the Legislative Services Commission and also can appoint designees to serve in their own places. The Legislative Services Officer is appointed by the Legislative Services Commission and provides administrative support to the legislators.

4 The Governor and the other 9 elected officials of the Executive Branch form the Council of State. The heads of other executive departments, "secretaries," are appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure.

5 The State Board of Education serves as "head" of the Department of Public Instruction. Eleven of its 14 members are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly in joint session. The Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is secretary to the board, are *ex officio* members. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is the administrative head of the Department of Public Instruction and is elected by the citizens of North Carolina.

6 The State Board of Community Colleges is the "head" of the Department of Community Colleges. Ten of its members are appointed by the Governor, as well as 4 each by the NC House and Senate. The Lieutenant Governor and State Treasurer are *ex officio*

members. The State President of the Community College System is elected by the State Board and serves as the administrative head of the department.

7 The State Board of Elections is an autonomous agency whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Executive Director-Secretary is appointed by the board and with a supporting staff provides administrative services to the board and to the local boards of elections in the counties.

8 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals as Chief Judge. The Chief Justice also designates one of the District Court Judges in each district as Chief District Court Judge.

9 The Administrative Office of the Courts provides administrative and research assistance to all levels of the Judicial System. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts is appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

10 North Carolina is divided into 30 Judicial Districts. Several of the districts are further divided into "A" and "B" districts for administrative purposes.

11 District Attorneys serve as prosecuting officers at both the Superior and District Court levels. The Clerks of Court in each county also serve both courts.

12 Magistrates, 1 or more in each county, are appointed for two- year terms by the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge in each district and serve under the Supervision of the Chief District Court Judge in their respective districts.

13 The UNC System Board of Governors consists of 32 members elected by the General Assembly. The board also includes special members, including the president of the UNC Association of Student Governments, former board chairs and former state governors.