

### Textbook Review Questions

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#### Chapter 5: Texas Governor

1. What factors have traditionally kept the Office of Texas Governor weak in terms of power? (pp. 154-155)
2. What were the results of Rick Perry's long tenure as Governor of Texas? (p. 155)
3. In what ways has the Texas Legislature strengthened the office of Texas Governor? (p. 156)
4. What are the constitutional qualifications to be Governor of Texas? What are the restrictions imposed by the Texas Constitution? (pp. 157-158)
5. Read the material on pp. 160-163. No specific questions.
6. What is the term of office for Texas Governor, the order of succession, and the compensation? How may Governor's be removed from office? (p. 164-165)
7. Review the chart on p. 167 which outlines the powers of the Governor of Texas. You should also read the section on the powers of the Governor on pages 166 to 176. Know definitions for the following: appointment power, plural executive, patronage, recess appointment, senatorial courtesy, revolving door, removal power, budget power, legislative role of the Governor, emergency legislation, executive order, special session, veto power, post-adjourment veto, line-item veto, ceremonial duties, and crisis manager. (pp. 170-174)
8. To which offices does the Governor appoint individuals who administer the agencies? (p. 168)
9. What are the most significant limits on the Governor's appointment power? (p. 169)
10. Will review the budget process later in the book. Note the role of the governor in that process as discussed on p. 170.
11. In what ways does the Governor influence the passage of legislation? (pp. 170-173)
12. What is a "legislative emergency" and why does the declaration of one improve a bill's chances of passage? (p. 171)
13. Review the Governor's powers with regard to special sessions. (pp. 172-173)
14. What is the Governor's veto power? (p. 172)
15. What are the Governor's judicial powers? (pp. 173-174)
16. In what ways does the Governor's role as a crisis manager impact his political standing? (p. 174)
17. How do the institutional powers of the Texas Governor compare with those of other states? (p. 176)
18. Read the section on the informal powers of the Governor of Texas. What do the authors list as the four indicators of informal power of the Governor? (pp. 176-177)
19. In the section on winners and losers, what do the authors feel is a method by which the Governor of Texas can augment his relatively weak institutional powers? (p. 178)

#### Chapter 6: The Plural Executive and Bureaucracy in Texas

1. What does the term plural executive mean? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the plural executive system? (p. 185)
2. What are the five independently elected executive officials other than the Governor in Texas? Examine Table 6.1 on p. 188 to see the main duties of each.
3. What are the qualifications for the Lt. Governor? In the event that the office of Lt. Governor becomes vacant, how is a replacement chosen until the next election? (p. 186) What are the duties of the Lt. Governor?
4. What are the principal duties of the Attorney General? (p. 187-188) What is the importance of an Attorney General's opinion? (p. 189)
5. What are the qualifications to be Comptroller of Texas? What is the most significant duty of the Comptroller? (p. 191)
6. How does the office of Commissioner of Agriculture differ from the other offices of the plural executive? What are the main responsibilities of the office? (pp. 192-193)
7. What is unique about the Office of Land Commissioner? What is the Veteran's Land Board and what does it do? (p. 194-195)
8. How is the Secretary of State chosen? What are the main duties of the office? (pp. 195-196)
9. Define the term bureaucracy. (p. 197) What are the six most important agencies in the Texas bureaucracy listed in the textbook? (p. 197-208)

10. How are the executive directors of each of the above agencies selected and what are the main duties of those officials? (p. 197-208)
11. In what ways is the structure of the Texas Department of Transportation a pattern which other agencies utilize? (p. 198-200)
12. What are the main duties of the Department of Health Services? (p. 200)
13. How are the members of the Texas Railroad Commission selected and what is the most important duty of the agency? (p. 201)
14. What are the duties of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice? (p. 203)
15. What are the main responsibilities of the State Board of Education? (p. 204)
16. How is the Public Utilities Commission selected? What are its main duties? (p. 205-207)
17. Compare patronage and merit systems. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each? (p. 208-210)
18. What are the sunshine laws? What is the sunset review process and how does it function? (p. 211)
19. Review the chart on page 209. No specific questions.
20. Read the section on winners and losers. No specific questions.