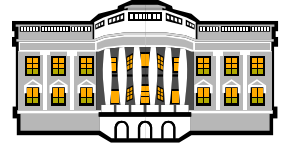


## Vocabulary Terms and Definitions for Chapter 14 The Office of President



Learning these terms and concepts is necessary to understand the basic principles of government. In this course, you must be able to recognize definitions of these terms for classroom lecture/discussions and (eventually) quizzes and tests.



### **chief executive**

The official who runs or administers a government

### **chief of state**

The symbolic leader of a nation

### **Electoral College**

The group of people who are elected to cast the official votes for President and Vice President.

### **electoral vote**

A vote cast by a member of the Electoral College

### **electors**

The people elected by the voters to represent them in the Electoral College

### **faithless electors**

Although most presidential electors are "pledged" to vote for their state's preference, there have been occasions when these people have broken their pledge and voted for another presidential candidate.

### **lame duck**

Another name for the 22nd Amendment. This changed the date the President and Vice President are sworn in from March 4th to January 20<sup>th</sup>, shortening the time period during which lawmakers who were not re-elected were, in effect, without substantial power.

### **presidential succession**

The order in which the office of President is to be filled if it becomes vacant before an election.

### **slate**

A list of persons to be appointed or elected to office (often used to describe a list of people each political party selects to officially vote for President)