

SUMMARY OF STATUTES RELATING TO THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

Subject	Citation	Authority
Election	2 V.S.A. § 61	Authorizes the House and Senate to biennially elect the Sergeant at Arms.
	2 V.S.A. § 10	Sets the election of the Sergeant at Arms at 10:30am on the seventh Thursday after the biennial meeting of the House and Senate.
Oversight	N/A	N/A
Salary	2 V.S.A. § 63	-Sets the base salary at \$47, 675. -Authorizes the Joint Rules Committee to establish the starting salary for the Sergeant at Arms, ranging from the base salary to a salary which is 30 percent above the base salary. -Sets the maximum salary for the Sergeant At Arms at 50 percent above the base salary.
	2 V.S.A. § 62(b)	Prohibits the Sergeant at Arms from accepting any gift or compensation other than his or her salary.
Employment	2 V.S.A. § 64	Authorizes the Sergeant at Arms, subject to the rules of the General Assembly, to employ such employees as may be needed to carry out the Sergeant at Arms' duties. These may include assistants, custodians, doorkeepers, guides, messengers, mail and room assignment clerks, security guards, and pages. Compensation for such employees are determined by the Joint Rules Committee, except if the person fills the same temporary position that he or she filled during the preceding session or a newly employed person fills a temporary position, then compensation is initially established by the Sergeant at Arms.
Legislative Duties	2 V.S.A. § 62(a)	Authorizes the Sergeant at Arms to execute orders of the House, Senate or Joint Rules Committees, arrange for special meetings and conferences,

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		distribute mail to legislators, schedule the use of rooms for committee meetings and hearings, provide for a cafeteria and its operation, and perform such other duties as may be required by legislators.
State House Preservation	2 V.S.A. § 62(a)	Authorizes the Sergeant at Arms to maintain in a good state of repair all furniture, draperies, rugs, desks, paintings, and office equipment kept in the State House.
	2 V.S.A. § 62(c)	Provides that the Sergeant at Arms is not responsible for structural repairs, capital improvements, building maintenance for the State House, or for the use, upkeep, or maintenance of the State House grounds.
Security	2 V.S.A. § 62(a)	Authorizes the Sergeant at Arms to maintain order in both houses and in each committee.
	2 V.S.A. § 171	Sets the jurisdiction of security in the State House with the Sergeant at Arms
Parking	2 V.S.A. § 71	Any parking sign or marking in a State parking lot shall be presumed to have been placed at the direction of the Sergeant at Arms or the Commissioner of BGS.
Regulation of Soliciting and Advertising in State House	2 V.S.A. § 5	Authorizes the Sergeant at Arms to prescribe regulations relating to the distribution of any advertising matter or solicitation of any subscription in the interior of the State House.