

# Political System of the USA

Fill-in the missing words:

law, laws, elected, federal, serve, president,



The United States is a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ republic. There are three branches of government. They are the *executive branch*, the *legislative branch*, and the *judicial branch*. Governments of the 50 states of the USA work very much like the federal government.

## Executive branch

The executive branch is the part of the government that enforces /ɪnˈfɔːsɪz/ the (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

People elect a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ who is the leader of the executive branch, as well as the leader of the armed forces. The president decides whether or not the bills will become (4) \_\_\_\_\_, and the president may veto /ˈviː.təʊ/ a bill. The president may (5) \_\_\_\_\_ two 4-year terms.

## Legislative branch

The legislative branch is the part of the government that makes laws. The legislative branch is called Congress. Congress is divided into two "houses".

One house is the **House of Representatives**. Representatives are each (6) \_\_\_\_\_ by voters from a set area within a state. The more people a state has, the more representatives it gets. Representatives serve two-year terms. The total number of representatives is 435. The seat of Congress is Capitol /ˈkæp.ɪ.təl/ in Washington, DC.



The other house is the **Senate** /ˈsen.ət/. In the Senate, each state is represented by two senators. Before the President makes treaties or appoints officials, the Senate must approve them. Senators serve six-year terms.

**Question: How many senators are there?** \_\_\_\_\_

## Judicial branch



The Judicial Branch is the part of government that interprets what the law means. The Judicial Branch is made up of the Supreme Court and many lower courts.

Find the English equivalents in the text above:

vymáhat, vynucovat \_\_\_\_\_

odsouhlasit \_\_\_\_\_

vykládat \_\_\_\_\_

sloužit \_\_\_\_\_

dohoda, smlouva \_\_\_\_\_

návrh zákona \_\_\_\_\_

jmenovat \_\_\_\_\_

ozbrojené síly \_\_\_\_\_

**Maturita task:** Speak on your own about political system of the USA.