

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The United States has a document that is the bedrock of American government. The framers wrote it so that no one person or group would have too much power. They separated the government into 3 separate but equal branches. The 3 branches can 'check' and 'balance' the powers of the other branches. The 3 branches work together to govern our nation.

This document is called the:

The 3 Branches of Government



Legislative



Executive



Judicial

The Senate and the House of Representatives together are known as:

Senate

_____ members

elected every _____ years

must be at least _____ years old

must have been a US citizen for at least _____ years

must live in the state they represent _____

House of Representatives

_____ members

elected every _____ years

must be at least _____ years old

must have been a US citizen for at least _____ years

must live in the state they represent _____

PRESIDENT

•elected every _____ years

•must be at least _____ years old

•must be a natural born US citizen _____

•must have lived in the US for at least _____ years

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State governments are modeled after the Federal Government and have 3 branches: executive, legislative, and judicial. In every state, the Executive Branch is headed by a _____

All but one state have legislatures made up of 2 chambers - usually a Senate and House of Representatives

Can you guess which state only has one chamber? _____

SUPREME COURT

There are _____ Justices

•nominated by _____

•confirmed by _____

elected for _____

must be at least 35 years old
must be a US citizen _____

State judicial branches are usually led by _____

State supreme courts hear appeals from _____

If rulings made by the state supreme court are questioned as to their Constitutionality, appeals may be made to the _____