



Branches of Federal, State, and Local Governments

Federal Government

LEGISLATIVE

- A. Congress (elected by the people)
 - 1. House of Representatives
 - 2. Senate
- B. Supporting Agencies
 - 1. Library of Congress
 - 2. Government Printing Office
 - 3. Congressional Budget Office
 - 4. Government Accountability Office
 - 5. Architect of the Capitol

JUDICIAL

- A. Supreme Court
- B. Lower Federal Courts

EXECUTIVE

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. The President's Cabinet
 - 1. Attorney General
 - 2. Secretary of Agriculture
 - 3. Secretary of Commerce
 - 4. Secretary of Defense
 - 5. Secretary of Education
 - 6. Secretary of Energy
 - 7. Secretary of Health & Human Services
 - 8. Secretary of Homeland Security
 - 9. Secretary of Housing & Urban Development
 - 10. Secretary of the Interior
 - 11. Secretary of Labor
 - 12. Secretary of State
 - 13. Secretary of Transportation
 - 14. Secretary of the Treasury
 - 15. Secretary of Veterans Affairs

- D. Other various agencies which advise the President, help implement laws, and carry out policies.

State Government

State governments are modeled after the federal government and have legislative, judicial, and executive branches.

LEGISLATIVE

- A. House of Representatives (also called the House of Delegates or the General Assembly)
- B. Senate

JUDICIAL

- A. State Supreme Court
- B. Lower-level state courts

EXECUTIVE

- A. Governor
- B. Lieutenant Governor
- C. Attorney General
- D. Secretary of State
- E. Commissioners

Local Government

usually governed by mayor, city councils, etc. Some representatives are elected by the people, while others are appointed to their positions.

- A. County (also known as boroughs or parishes)
 - 1. usually served by volunteer services – fire departments, sheriffs, etc.
- B. City (also called townships, villages, boroughs, municipalities, or towns)
 - 1. Generally, responsible for their own public services, including schools, police and fire departments, emergency medical services, public transportation, and clean-up (trash, snow removal, sewers, etc.).