

## UNIT 2: RIGHTS & CITIZENSHIP

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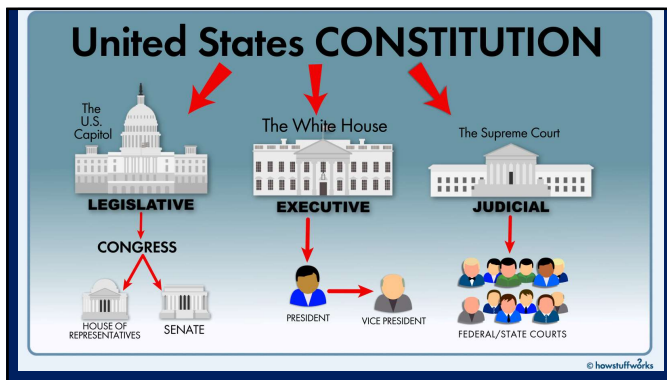
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## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- January 3<sup>rd</sup> of odd years
- two 12-month sessions
- “three-day rule”
- Members vote to adjourn
- President can call into session
- Member make rules
- Can’t be liable for things said “on the floor”

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## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- “First Branch”
- Bicameral Legislature
  - House of Representatives
  - Senate
  - Connecticut Compromise

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## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- House of Representatives - Requirements
  - 25 or older
  - Citizen for seven years
  - Inhabitant of state (district?)
- Quorum
  - 50%+1 to vote
  - 100 to debate

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## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- House of Representatives
  - 2-year term
  - Each member represents  $\approx$  number of people
    - Census – 10 years
  - Total of 435 since 1911
    - $336m/435 = 772,414\dots$
- Gerrymandering

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# Gerrymandering

- Packing
- Cracking

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## GERRYMANDERING

How differently drawn district maps produce different electoral results

FOUR WAYS TO DIVIDE 50 PEOPLE INTO 5 DISTRICTS:

50 people

60% orange  
40% purple

**FAIR**  
Results proportionate to electorate

3 orange  
2 purple

3 orange  
2 purple

**GERRYMANDERING**  
Results not proportionate to electorate

5 orange  
0 purple

2 orange  
3 purple

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## North Carolina

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# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

## • House of Representatives - Structure

- New Rules each term
- TRADITION
- Committees
- Leadership
  - Majority & Minority



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## Committees

The House's committees consider bills and issues and oversee agencies, programs, and activities within their jurisdictions.

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| • Agriculture <sup>†</sup>                  | • Rule <sup>†</sup>  |
| • Appropriations <sup>†</sup>               | • Science, Space, and Technology <sup>†</sup>  |
| • Armed Services <sup>†</sup>               | • Small Business <sup>†</sup>  |
| • Budget <sup>†</sup>                       | • Transportation and Infrastructure <sup>†</sup>   |
| • Education and the Workforce <sup>†</sup>  | • Veterans' Affairs <sup>†</sup>   |
| • Energy and Commerce <sup>†</sup>          | • Ways and Means <sup>†</sup>  |
| • Ethics <sup>†</sup>                       | • Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence <sup>†</sup>  |
| • Financial Services <sup>†</sup>           | • Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party <sup>†</sup> |
| • Foreign Affairs <sup>†</sup>              | • Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump <sup>†</sup>  |
| • Homeland Security <sup>†</sup>            | • Joint Economic Committee <sup>†</sup>  |
| • House Administration <sup>†</sup>         | • Joint Committee on the Library <sup>†</sup>  |
| • Judiciary <sup>†</sup>                    | • Joint Committee on Printing <sup>†</sup>   |
| • Natural Resources <sup>†</sup>            | • Joint Committee on Taxation <sup>†</sup>   |
| • Oversight and Accountability <sup>†</sup> |  |

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# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

## • Senate

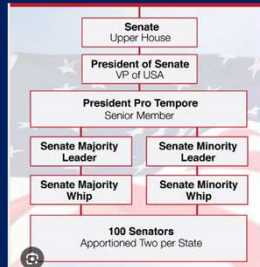
- 30 Years old
- Citizen for 9 years
- Resident of state
- 6-year terms
- 1/3 up for re-election every other year



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## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- Senate – Structure
  - Fewer rules → more autonomy, debate, & research
  - Party leaders control debate & vote schedule
  - Filibuster



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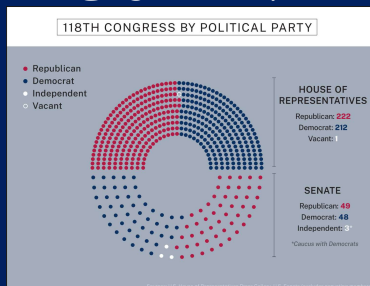
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- Powers
  - Article 1, Section 8
  - Let's read it until this makes sense...
  - Section 9?

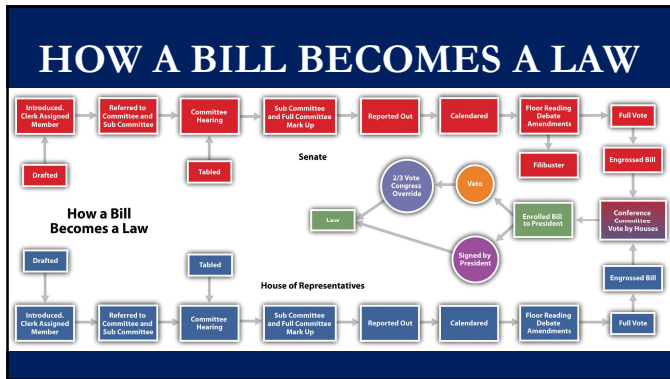


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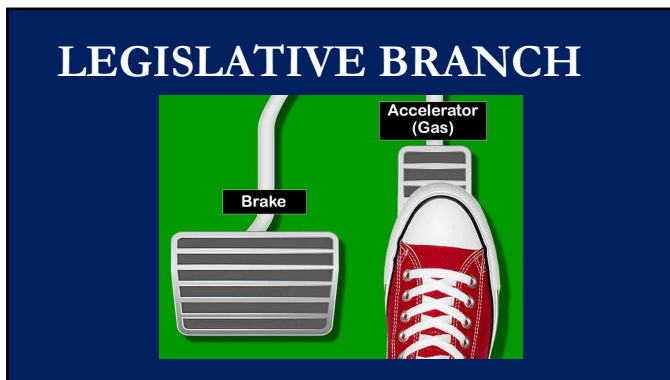
## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



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## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- Use Article II (or any simplification thereof) to investigate the following:
  1. How Presidents are elected
  2. The constitutional and informal qualifications to be president
  3. The powers and duties of a President
  4. How the 12<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> amendments have changed the presidency

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