

Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 4: Louisiana's Government

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Many services are provided by the state government of Louisiana. County and city governments have important roles, too. In this lesson, you will learn about the people elected to lead at the state and local levels.

Part I: Go to Louisiana's Official Web Site: [Find My Legislator](#). Click the link and enter your address to find your legislator. Use the information to complete the table.

My State Legislators

House of Representatives	<i>District:</i> _____ <i>Party:</i> _____ <i>Name:</i> _____ <i>Address:</i> _____
State Senator	<i>District:</i> _____ <i>Party:</i> _____ <i>Name:</i> _____ <i>Address:</i> _____

Part II: What have your lawmakers been working on?

Click here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearch.aspx?sid=current>. Your teacher may give you information to look up a bill considered by the legislature. Click **Digests** to get a summary of the bill and **Text** to see the actual proposed law and the **Notices** given to the public. After studying these, write a short summary of the legislation and its status. Explain why the law might be needed and give reasons why you support or do not support the new law.

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Part III: Your local government has responsibilities in your community. Find a local county or town government's website here: [Town Ordinances](#). Click Louisiana, and then click your town or parish government. Once you accessed the ordinances for your local government, search for terms such as dogs, noise, bicycle, garbage, etc. Locate an ordinance to complete the table.

What is the purpose of the ordinance?	What are two arguments to support this ordinance?	What are two arguments against this ordinance?

Think about a problem in your town. Briefly describe an ordinance that you believe would help to solve the problem. Write a brief description of the ordinance, a consequence for violators, and two reasons why the ordinance should be adopted.

Finished Early? Take a virtual tour of the state capitol [here](#).