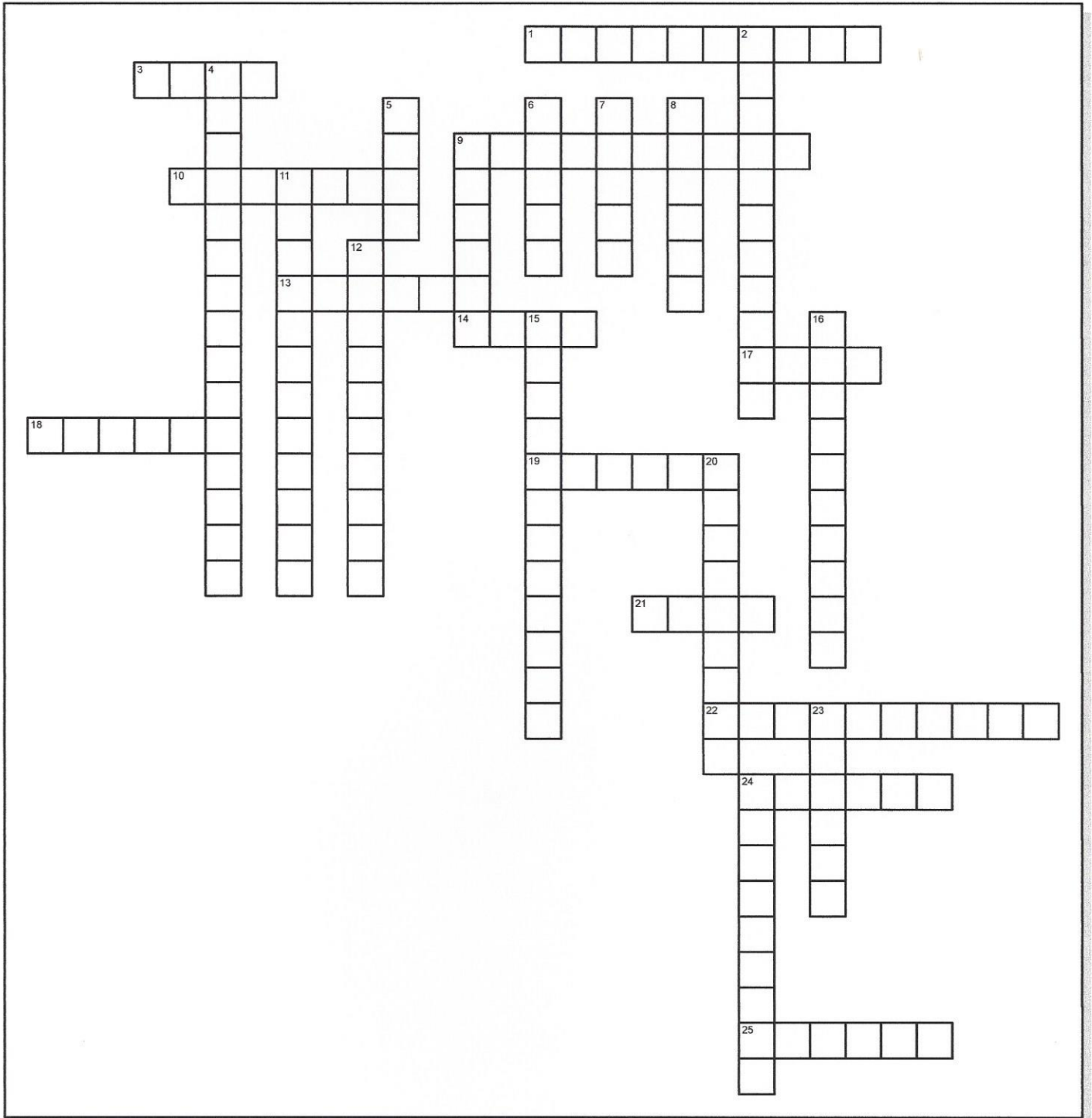


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Chapter 4 Louisiana's Government

Instructions: Complete the crossword puzzle. Use the clues to help identify the words.



Across

1. the system through which a community is organized; it is empowered to make, enforce, and carry out laws and procedures

3. grand _____ - a panel of twelve citizens who serve for six months and, after listening to the district attorney, decide if there is enough evidence to indict a person for a crime
9. information spread widely in order to promote or discourage a particular proposal or political point of view
10. _____ session - a legislative session called to discuss specific subjects
13. United _____ Constitution - the document, written in 1787 and ratified in 1788, that set up our nation's current framework for government
14. _____ rule - political power given to political subdivisions to govern their own affairs
17. _____ primary system - Louisiana's form of elections, in which all candidates, no matter their political party, compete in the first (or primary) election and voters can vote for any candidate, regardless of party; then the two candidates with the most votes advance to a runoff election
18. _____ law - a system of law that uses earlier decisions-called precedents-as guidelines; it shaped the criminal laws adopted in Louisiana
19. _____ and balances - a division of powers among the three branches of government, with each branch having the primary responsibility for certain functions of government, and with all branches sharing power and none being authorized to function without the other two
21. a group of citizens who hear evidence on a legal case and make a decision based on the evidence
22. _____ committee - a committee that includes members from both the Senate and the House, who try to work out differences between two versions of a bill so they can return the revised bill to both chambers for another vote
24. _____ jury - the governing body for most parishes in Louisiana
25. to take a case to a higher court for further consideration

Down

2. a less-serious crime, like speeding
4. revising the legislative district boundaries based on population numbers
5. _____ of Rights - the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution
6. to attempt to influence legislators about issues
7. amounts charged citizens by their governments (federal, state, and local) to support governments and the services they provide
8. the legal term for gambling
9. the primary local government division in Louisiana
11. a document of a government that explains its purpose, describes its organizations, and states its powers
12. _____ Code - a complete collection of civil laws commissioned by French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte around 1800, which influenced Louisiana's first civil code adopted in 1808
15. a unit of local government--a village, town, or city
16. the division of power between the federal and state governments
20. _____ tax - an amount charged for removing natural resources--such as timber, oil, and gas--from the state; based on the idea that, once natural resources are removed, they will not be available for future generations
23. a serious crime, like murder and armed robbery
24. _____ party - an organization of people who come together because they have shared ideas about how government should operate