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South Carolina: The Beautiful Palmetto State
Chapter 2: The Government of South Carolina - Internet Activity

Many services are provided by the state government of South Carolina. 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 South Carolina's Official Web Site: <http://sc.gov/>. Click **Government** and then **Branches of Government**. Click the link for **Find Your Legislator**. Use the information to complete the table.

My State Government

<i>House of Representatives</i>	<i>District:</i> _____ <i>Party:</i> _____
	<i>Name:</i> _____
	<i>Address:</i> _____
<i>State Senator</i>	<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.scstatehouse.gov/studentpage/index.html> and select **What's Happening**. Locate one law being considered by the legislature. Summarize the law and then 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 your local county or town government's website here: <http://www.sciway.net/cnty/sc-county-info.html>.

Read some of the items on the agenda of the next meeting or take a look at some of their ordinances.

Describe one of the ordinances or agenda items. Click here for a [sample ordinance](#).

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

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 tour of the state capitol. Start with a tour of the [grounds outside](#), then [tour the inside](#) to see where the laws of our state are made.