

GUIDED READING**CHAPTER 2: STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA****Section 1: A History of West Virginia Government**

Directions: Use the information from pages 54-58 to complete the following statements.

Introduction

1. West Virginia has had only _____ constitutions. The first, which took effect in _____, provided the guidelines under which the new state's _____ was created. The second was written in _____.
2. The language found in the West Virginia constitution clearly recognizes the _____ as the supreme authority.
3. West Virginia's constitution did not have a _____ until 1960.

Principles of West Virginia Government

4. Like the _____, the West Virginia constitution is based on the democratic principles of sovereignty, limited government, separation of powers, and checks and balances.
5. The West Virginia constitution limits the power of government to the powers granted to it by the _____.
6. The legislative branch is the _____ body for the state and consists of the _____ and the _____.
7. The _____ is head of the executive branch.
8. The judicial branch consists of the _____ and other state courts.

Amending the West Virginia Constitution

9. The usual process for amendment of the constitution begins in the _____, where an amendment may be proposed in either _____. If _____ of the members of each house approve, the issue is placed on the ballot for voter approval.
10. Amendments may also be made by a constitutional _____.
11. An amendment passed in 1970 allowed the _____ to serve two consecutive terms.

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Special Feature: The Many Faces of West Virginia’s Capitol

12. West Virginia has had _____ capitol buildings since it became a state.
13. In the midst of the Civil War, West Virginia separated from _____ and established its first capital in _____.
14. Seven years after it became a state, southern lawmakers pushed to move the capital to a more central location in the city of _____. It was the capital city for _____ years before the seat of government returned to _____.
15. In 1885, the capital was moved back to _____. The capitol building, located at the intersection of Capitol and State (now Lee) streets, was destroyed by _____ on January 3, 1921.
16. A temporary building, often referred to as the “_____,” was erected. It too was destroyed by _____ in 1927.
17. By 1932, the present capitol, designed by _____, was finished. Its golden _____ extends to 293 feet, 5 feet higher than that of the _____ building in Washington, D.C.