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GUIDED READING

CHAPTER 2: STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA

Section 3: County and Municipal Government

Directions: Use the information from pages 79-89 to complete the following statements.

Introduction

1. In the first local governments, particularly in New England, residents met in _____ and voted on the issues. West Virginia's constitution of _____ called for the establishment of a similar type of _____.
2. The (1872) constitution provides guidelines for the establishment and administration of _____, _____, and _____.

County Government

3. Nationally, there are over _____ counties; _____ of those counties are located in West Virginia.
4. The center of a county government is the _____.
5. When the state was admitted to the Union in the year _____, forty-four counties were created from territory taken from the state of _____.
6. The final county was added in 1895, when _____ County was formed from _____ County.
7. Today the _____, not the county, is primarily responsible for overseeing the building and repair of _____.
8. Counties today are responsible for water and _____ systems, libraries, and recreation as well as emergency services such as _____, _____, and _____.
9. Taxes on _____ property and _____ property generate much of the revenue of counties.
10. Taxes are usually based on a piece of property's _____ value.

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11. Like the state and federal levels, the county government has _____, _____, and _____ duties.
12. Many of the county commission's judicial duties are now handled by _____ courts.
13. The county commission must have at least _____ members, called _____. They are elected to _____-year terms, which are staggered. They must meet at least _____ times per year.
14. The _____ keeps the official records of the county and is also in charge of _____ registration.
15. The _____ enforces the law and, as county treasurer, also collects all _____ paid in the county.
16. The _____ is responsible for determining the value of property for tax purposes.
17. The _____ attorney pursues legal action against wrongdoers.

Municipal Government

18. Depending on its size, a municipality may be classified as a _____, _____, or _____.
19. Class I cities have a population of at least _____ people; Class II cities have a population between _____ and _____; and Class III cities have a population between _____ and _____.
20. _____ cities have their own governments, while _____ cities rely on their county government for such services as _____ and _____ protection.
21. Municipalities with less than 2,000 residents must use a _____ form of government.
22. In the mayor-council form, the _____ manages the city, carrying out the policies and ordinances set by the _____. Most councils have _____ to _____

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members.

23. The _____-mayor system is most often found in small cities. The mayor is primarily a _____ (a person who is the head of an organization but who has no _____).
24. The _____-mayor system is more often found in larger cities.
25. As city governments grew larger and more complex, the _____ form of government was created. The council hires a professional _____, who is in charge of the daily operation of city government.
26. In the _____ form of government, voters elect individuals to specific administrative positions.
27. One of the greatest problems facing West Virginia cities today is a shortage of _____.
28. During the 1970s, the federal government provided large amounts of money to cities in the form of _____. In the 1980s and 1990s, it decreased.
29. Because of financial problems, municipalities must rely on _____ fees.

Boards of Education

30. In West Virginia, _____ districts are usually distinct from counties and municipalities.
31. A _____, consisting of _____ members, is the governing body for the school district. Members are chosen in _____ elections.
32. Board members hire a chief administrator, called the school _____, to carry out the goals of the system.
33. Boards of education receive their _____ from county property taxes as well as _____ and _____ funds.