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Chapter 2: State and Local Government in West Virginia

Who Represents Me?

The state government of West Virginia provides many services as well as laws to govern the citizens. 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: To find your state legislators, you must first know what district you live in. Click this [link](#), enter your address, and see what districts you belong to and record your district in the table below.

Now use the links to determine who represents you in the state legislature. [Senate list](#) [House list](#)
Complete the table below with information from the websites.

My State Legislators

House of Delegates (lower house)	District: _____	Party: _____
	Name: _____	
	Address: _____	
State Senator (upper house)	District: _____	Party: _____
	Name: _____	
	Address: _____	

Part II: What have your lawmakers been working on?

[Click here](#) to view current bills in West Virginia or review bills from previous sessions. Your teacher may give you information to look up a bill being considered by the legislature. Click the All Bills link for either the House or Senate to get a summary of the bills. Choose one of the bills and provide a summary of what the bill is intended to do. Why might the bill have been considered necessary?



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Part III: Your local government has responsibilities in your community. Find a local county or town government's special rules here: [Town Ordinances](#). Click West Virginia, and then click a city or county government you are familiar with. Once you access the ordinances for the local government, search for terms such as dog, 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 community. 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 look at the West Virginia capitol building [here](#). Also check out some interesting facts about the capitol building, where the state's laws are made, at the links on [this page](#).

