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Chapter 2: State and Local Government in West Virginia

Who Represents Me?

West Virginia's state government provides many services and creates laws to govern its 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 know what district you live in. Click this [link](#), enter your address, see what districts you belong to, and record the information below.

Use the links to determine who represents you in the West Virginia legislature.

[Members of the Senate](#)

[Members of the House](#)

Complete the table below with information from the websites.

My State Legislators

House of Delegates (lower house)	District:	Political Party:
	Name:	
	Address:	
State Senate (upper house)	District:	Political Party:
	Name:	
	Address:	

Part II: What have your lawmakers been working on?

[Click here](#) to view current bills of the West Virginia legislature or review bills from previous sessions. Your teacher may give you information to look up a bill being considered by the legislature. Select the **Year** and click **Submit**. Then, click the **All Bills** link for the House or Senate to get a summary of the bills. Choose one of the bills and record it below. Summarize what the bill is intended to do and why it might be 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**, then click a city or county government you know. 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? Review pictures of West Virginia's state 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](#).