# LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

| Level/Branch | Elected by | Functions |
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| **FEDERAL** | | |
| **Legislative**<br>  **Senate**<br>  **House of Representatives** | **Popular vote in each state** | **Makes laws for the nation** |
| **Executive**<br>  **President**<br>  **Vice President** | **Electoral vote** | **Approves laws; commander in chief of armed forces; makes treaties** |
| **Judicial**<br>  **Supreme Court**<br>  **Court of Appeals**<br>  **District Courts** | **Appointed by president** | **Interprets laws and U.S. Constitution** |
| **STATE** | | |
| **Legislative**<br>**(General Assembly)**<br>  **Senate**<br>  **House of Representatives** | **Popular vote in state districts** | **Makes laws for state** |
| **Executive**<br>  **Governor**<br>  **Lieutenant Governor** | **Statewide popular vote** | **Heads state militia; can veto state legislative bills** |
| **Judicial**<br>  **State supreme court**<br>  **Superior court**<br>  **State court** | **Generally elected by popular vote** | **Interprets state laws; passes sentences** |
| **COUNTY/CITY** | | |
| **County commissioners** | **Popular vote in county districts** | **Provides services to county residents (police, fire sanitation, schools, etc.)** |
| **Mayor and city council** | **Popular vote of residents of city (Mayor sometimes elected by city council or commissioners)** | **Provides services to residents (police, sanitation, schools, etc.)** |
| **City council and city manager** | **Council elected by popular vote of residents of city; city manager appointed by council** | **Provides services to residents (police, sanitation, schools, etc.)** |