

# Legislative Branch



# Organization

• **Article 1** : Explains how the **Legislative** branch (Congress) will be organized and its powers

**18 delegated powers** given to the Congress.



# Powers

- The **main job** or duty of the Congress is to make and **pass laws**
- **make and borrow money**
- **establish Federal Courts**
- **Declare war.**



# House of Representatives - Members

- There are **435** members

# House of Representatives- Qualifications

- 1) 25 years of age.**
- 2) 7 years a citizen of the U.S.A.**
- 3) Must live in his/her district**



# House of Representatives-Leadership

- The **Speaker of the House** is the leader

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# Senate - Members

- There are **100 members**
- **Each state** can send **two senators** to Congress.

# Senate - Qualifications

- 1) 30 years of age.**
- 2) 9 years a citizen of the U.S.A.**
- 3) Must live in the state that he/she represents.**





# Senate - Leadership

- The Vice-President is the leader (president) of the Senate.

# Elections

- Both **Senators and Representatives** are chosen through **direct election**. The candidate who receives the **most votes wins**.
- The term of office for the **House of Representatives is 2 years**.
- The term of office for the **Senate is 6 years**.