

US Government & Civics

10th Grade

The branches plus how a bill becomes law, federalism and the key amendments.

LEGISLATIVE

Congress

Makes the laws

EXECUTIVE

President

Carries out the laws

JUDICIAL

Supreme Court

Interprets the laws

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

- 1 A bill is introduced in the House or the Senate.
- 2 Committee studies it, amends it, and votes to send it on — or kills it.
- 3 The full chamber debates and votes. A simple majority passes it.
- 4 The other chamber repeats the process; differences go to a conference committee.
- 5 The President signs it, vetoes it, or lets it become law unsigned after 10 days.
- 6 Congress can override a veto with a two-thirds vote in both chambers.

FEDERALISM

Federal only

currency · treaties · war · post

State only

schools · licences · elections

Shared

taxes · courts · roads

AMENDMENTS TO KNOW

- 1st speech, religion, press, assembly
- 4th no unreasonable searches
- 5th due process, no self-incrimination
- 13th abolished slavery
- 14th equal protection, citizenship
- 19th women's right to vote