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## **The Almost Painless Guide to the Constitution: The Legislative Branch**

Answer each of the following questions as completely as possible.

1. Why are “We the People” so important in the U.S. government?
2. What is one power the states have reserved for themselves?
3. It takes a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of Congress to override a presidential veto.
4. Congress is made up of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Each state gets \_\_\_\_\_ Senators.
6. In the House of Representatives, each state get a certain number of representatives based on the state’s \_\_\_\_\_.  
The fewest representatives a state can have is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Requirements for Senators:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ years old
  - A citizen for \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - Live in the \_\_\_\_\_ they represent
  - Term = \_\_\_\_\_ years
8. Requirements for Representatives:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ years old
  - A citizen for \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - Live in the \_\_\_\_\_ they represent
  - Term = \_\_\_\_\_ years
9. Most of the work in Congress is done in \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Only the House of Representatives can propose bills to raise \_\_\_\_\_ and can \_\_\_\_\_ the president.
11. After a bill is passed by Congress it must be approved by the \_\_\_\_\_ before it becomes a law.
12. Who is the presiding officer of the Senate?