

## Visual Aid 12: Levels of Government

### The United States and Louisiana

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# LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Level/Branch	Elected by	Functions
<b>FEDERAL</b>		
Legislative Senate House of Representatives	Popular vote in each state	Makes laws for the nation
Executive President Vice President	Electoral vote	Approves laws; Commander in Chief of armed forces; makes treaties
Judicial Supreme Court Court of Appeals District Courts	Appointed by president	Interprets laws and U.S. Constitution
<b>STATE</b>		
Legislative (Legislature) Senate House of Representatives	Popular vote in state districts	Makes laws for state
Executive Governor Lieutenant Governor	Statewide popular vote	Heads state militia; can veto state legislative bills
Judicial State Supreme Court Court of Appeals Circuit Court	Generally elected by popular vote	Interprets state laws; passes sentences
<b>PARISH/CITY</b>		
Police Jury or Parish Council	Popular vote in parish districts	Provides services to parish residents (police, fire, sanitation, 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, 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, etc.)