

The Branches of State Government Social Studies Skill Builder

Student Handout

Constitutional Card Sort Questions

1. What is the length of a term of office for members of the Texas House of Representatives?
2. Who has the sole power of impeachment (removing someone from office)?
3. Who has the power to call special sessions of the legislature for emergency state business?
4. How old must one be to be elected to the Texas Senate?
5. Who is responsible for maintaining a balanced state budget?
6. Who has the power to declare martial law in case of a state emergency?
7. What can the legislative branch do if the governor vetoes a bill?
8. How old must one be to be elected to the Texas House of Representatives?
9. Who has the power to propose amendments to the Constitution of Texas?
10. What is the length of the term of office for the governor of Texas?
11. How old must one be to be elected governor of Texas?
12. Who has the power to make laws?
13. How many terms may the governor of Texas serve?
14. Who appoints members of state agencies, with the consent of the Senate?
15. What is the length of the term of office for member of the Texas Senate?
16. Who has the power to approve or veto laws?

17. Who is the Commander-in-Chief of the state's military forces?
18. What is the length of the term of office for the judges of the higher level state courts?
19. Which court determines whether trials held in trial courts were fair?
20. Who has the power to propose a law to raise revenue? (a tax law)
21. What is the name of the highest court in Texas to hear criminal cases?
22. Who serves as President of the Texas Senate?
23. How many justices sit on the Texas Supreme Court?
24. How many senators are serve in the Texas Senate?