

Comparing the West Virginia Government to the United States Government

Branches of Government	United States Government	West Virginia Government
Executive Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President is the leader of the United States • Elected by the electoral college • Serves four year terms • Can serve up to two terms • Must be 35 years old • Must be a natural born citizen of the United States • Must be a resident of the United States for 14 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor is the head of the state • Elected by the people for 4 year terms • Can serve up to two terms • Must be 30 years old • Must be a resident of the state for 5 years
Legislative Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is bicameral • 435 members of the House of Representatives / Serves for two year terms / Unlimited number of terms • Must be 25 years old and live in the state in which they represent for at least 7 years • 100 members of the Senate (2 per state) / Elected for 6 year terms / Unlimited number of terms • Must be 30 years of age and live in the state in which they represent for at least 9 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicameral • 100 members of the House of Delegates / Serves for 2 years terms / Unlimited number of terms • Must be 18 years old and live in the district they represent • 34 Senators / Serves for a 4 year term / Unlimited number of terms • Must be 25 years old and live in the district they represent
Judicial Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supreme Court has a chief justice and 8 associate justices • Justices are appointed by the President and approved by the Senate to a lifetime appointment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals has a chief justice and 4 associate justices • Justices are elected by the people every 12 years

Directions: Use the chart to answer the following questions comparing our state government to the federal government.

1. What is the title of the chart?
2. What are the names of the branches of government?
3. How many total members does each legislative branch have? Which one has the most?
4. What is the difference between the terms served between the state and federal government?
5. What is the differences between the Executive branch of the state and federal government?
6. What are the differences between the U.S. Supreme Court and the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals?