

# Local, State & National Government

# Alabama



This resource has been created specifically for you to use in your home as you prepare for our Alabama Homeschool Capitol Day event. These circles are built to be connected at the bottom to allow for a visual representation of the different levels of government. There are many other things that each level of government is responsible for, and your child can use the back of each circle to list more. Here are some additional FREE educational resources to use as you prepare for Alabama Homeschool Capitol Day.

1. [The Alabama Legislature](#) - will take you to their opening page of the Alabama Legislature website.. There you will see a banner across the top with the following tabs: **Home , House of Representatives , Senate , LSA , Joint Resources , Bills , Session Info,Legislative Day.** On this site you can watch your AL Senate and House in action on LIVE streams of the House and Senate Floors, as well as committees. This site also has bills, their descriptions, and where they stand in the legislative process. Under the “Home” tab you will see “find my legislator” if you are unsure who is yours.
2. [Alabama on Ballotpedia](#) - Covers political candidates and incumbents, ballot measures, election results, and redistricting—all at the federal, state, and local levels
3. [Graphic Organizer, Local Government](#) - The graphic organizer includes a bubble map where students can identify key characteristics of local government. (Teachers Pay Teachers resource)



# NATIONAL

## National government:

- Works for everyone in the country
- Has own constitution
- President & Congress
  - Supreme Court



✓ Collects taxes

✓ Post office & National parks

✓ Can declare war, prints money, provides national defence

✓ Oversees:

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife

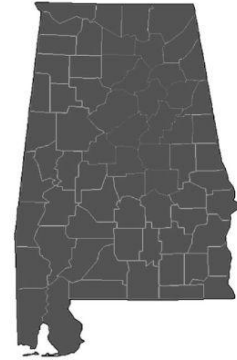
National Institute for Health (NIH)

# STATE

## State government:

- Works for people in the state
- Has own constitution
- Governor, State Legislators, & courts

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- ✓ Collects taxes
- ✓ Licensing (Fishing & Hunting)
- ✓ Schools and Department of Public Safety
- ✓ Testing for lawyers and professionals

# LOCAL

## Local government:

- Works for people in a city or town.
- Town, cities, counties and districts
- Mayors & county commissions

- ✓ Maintain Roads
- ✓ Police & Firefighters
- ✓ Libraries, parks, & sports fields
- ✓ Electricity, Natural Gas, & Water

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# Alabama State Government

## ~ Governor ~



### Must be:

- 30 years of age
- A resident of the state of Alabama for seven years
- A resident of the United States for 10 years.

### Terms

- 4 years
- Limit to two consecutive terms.

The Legislature convenes in regular annual sessions on the first Tuesday in February, except (1) in the first year of the four-year term, when the session will begin on the first Tuesday in March, and (2) in the last year of a four-year term, when the session will begin on the second Tuesday in January. The length of the regular session is limited to 30 meeting days within a period of 105 calendar days. There are usually two meeting or "legislative" days per week, with other days devoted to committee meetings. Special sessions of the Legislature may be called by the Governor, with the Proclamation listing the subjects which the Governor wishes considered. These sessions are limited to 12 legislative days within a 30 calendar day span. In a regular session, bills may be enacted on any subject. In a special session, legislation must be enacted only on those subjects which the Governor announces in his proclamation or "call." Anything not in the "call" requires a two-thirds vote of each house to be enacted.

# **Alabama House Of Representatives ~ 105 members**

The Alabama House of Representatives is comprised of 105 members. Each member represents a district of approximately 40,000 people.



## **Must be:**

- 21 years of age at the time of their election
- citizens of Alabama for three years
- Must have lived in their respective districts for at least one year immediately preceding their election.

## **Terms:**

- 4 years
- No term limits

# **Speaker of the House**

## **Requirements:**

- Represents one of the 105 districts in the House
- Elected by his or her colleagues to serve as the presiding officer.

-It takes a quorum of 53 members to conduct business in the Alabama House of Representatives.

-A majority of a quorum can pass any bill except a constitutional amendment, Which requires 63 votes.

-During a special legislative session any measures not included in the Governor's call require a 2/3 majority for passage.

-All revenue raising legislation must originate in the House just as in the Congress of the United States.

-An appropriation to a non-government organization, such as a private college, requires a two-thirds vote of those elected.

## **Alabama Senate ~ 35 Senators**



**Term: 4 years**

**No term limits**

- Take office at midnight of the day of their election.
- Sole power of Confirmation of certain appointees designated by the Constitution and by statute.

## **Senate Leadership**

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**President, President Pro Tempore, and Secretary**



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