LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT
Who serves in the Legislative Branch?

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Legislative Branch
Makes the law
Who serves in the executive branch?
Who serves in the judicial branch?
**Who Does What?**

**Directions:** Using the word bank below, complete the table with the branch of government, role of the branch, and correct titles/office of government officials for each branch and level of government. For the judicial branch, identify the correct level of court at each level.

### Word Bank

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<tr>
<th>Executive Branch</th>
<th>Interpret and apply law</th>
<th>Florida Supreme Court</th>
<th>U.S. Senator</th>
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<td>Governor</td>
<td>District Courts of Appeal</td>
<td>Councilman/Councilwoman</td>
<td>U.S. Supreme Court</td>
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<td>Mayor</td>
<td>Florida Representative</td>
<td>U.S. District Courts</td>
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<td>Congressman/Congresswoman</td>
<td>County/City Commissioner</td>
<td>Circuit Court</td>
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<td>Florida Senator</td>
<td>School Board Member</td>
<td>Lieutenant Governor</td>
<td>Make law</td>
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### Fill in the blanks!

| Branch of Government: | | | Judicial Branch |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| **Role of this branch** | Legislative Branch | Privacy |
| **Federal** Who serves at this level of government? | | President |
| | | U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal |
| **State** Who serves at this level of government? | | |
| **Local** Who serves at this level of government? | City Commissioner | * |
| | | *County Courts |
| | | *These courts are also state courts, but are located locally. |
U.S. Constitution

FEDERAL ACTS

Florida Constitution

State Statutes

Local Ordinances

SCHOOL RULES AND POLICIES
How a Bill Becomes a Law and the Hierarchy of Law

Cut out the puzzle on the dotted lines, place in envelopes, and provide to small groups of students or individual students and instruct them to piece the process together!

How a Bill Becomes a Law in Florida: Instruct students to place the puzzle pieces in the correct order of how a bill becomes a law in the state of Florida. Key is provided.

NGSSS:

Illustrate the law making process at the local, state, and federal levels. (SS.7.C.3.9)

Analyze the structure, functions, and processes of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. (SS.7.C.3.8)

Clarifications:

Students will examine the processes of the legislative (e.g. how a bill becomes a law)...branch of government.

Students will distinguish among ordinances, statutes, and acts on the local, state and federal levels.
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Published in Chamber Journal..

2ND READING
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3RD READING
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CONSIDERATION BY OPPOSITE CHAMBER
Same process as original Chamber.

GOVERNOR CONSIDERATION
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GOVERNOR FINAL ACTIONS
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RETURN TO ORIGINAL CHAMBER
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