

House of Representatives

435 members

25 years old

Citizen for 7 years

Resident of the state

Elected by voters of a congressional district

2 year term (Every member up for reelection)

Lower House

Many rules to follow, regarding daily business

Representatives represent a district of the state, each district has about 630,000 people living in it. (At large)

The number of reps. a state has is based on the population of the state.

CA has the most with 53. Reapportionment in the House occurs every ten years, after the census.

The district lines are drawn (redistricting) by the state legislature, when they are drawn to favor a political party it is called gerrymandering.

All money bills must start in the House.

Midterm elections occur when the President is not up for reelection, his party usually loses seats in the legislative branch .

Senate

100 members

30 years old

9 year citizen

Resident of the state

Elected by voters of the state (17th Amendment)

6 year term

**1/3 of its members are up for reelection every 2 years
(continuous body)**

More prestigious, less rules than the House.

Help Wanted!

Create a want ad for a House of Representative member. Be sure to include requirements, both official and unofficial (traits you think the person should have). Include term, pay and benefits.