

# GOVERNMENT BRANCHES ROLE CARDS



Cut out the cards. Use in groups to match roles, explain jobs, and discuss how the branches work together.

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



### MAKES THE LAWS

- Writes, debates, and passes laws.
- Represents the people.
- Approves the budget and taxes.

## EXECUTIVE BRANCH



### ENFORCES THE LAWS

- Carries out and enforces laws.
- Manages government agencies.
- Proposes new laws and policies.

## JUDICIAL BRANCH



### INTERPRETS THE LAWS

- Reviews laws and actions.
- Decides if laws are constitutional.
- Resolves disputes.

## LEGISLATOR



Represents the people in the legislature. Debates and votes on bills.

## PRESIDENT / GOVERNOR



Leads the executive branch. Enforces laws and sets policy priorities.

## SUPREME COURT JUSTICE



Hears important cases and decides if laws are fair and constitutional.

## COMMITTEE MEMBER



Studies bills in detail and recommends changes or approval.

## VICE PRESIDENT / LT. GOVERNOR



Supports the president/governor and may lead agencies or initiatives.

## APPELLATE COURT JUDGE



Reviews decisions from lower courts to ensure fairness.

## HOUSE / SENATE LEADER



Guides the legislative agenda and leads their party.

## CABINET SECRETARY



Leads a government department and manages programs.

## DISTRICT COURT JUDGE



Hears cases in the first trial court and makes decisions.

## BILL SPONSOR



Introduces a new bill and works to build support.

## AGENCY DIRECTOR



Runs a government agency and oversees daily operations.

## COURT CLERK



Supports the court by managing records and schedules.