

SS8CG1 The student will describe the role of citizens under Georgia's constitution.

- a. Explain the basic structure of the Georgia state constitution.
- b. Explain the concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances.
- c. Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens.
- d. Explain voting qualifications and elections in Georgia.
- e. Explain the role of political parties in government.
- f. Identify wisdom, justice, and moderation as the three principles of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Georgia Flag.

S8CG2 The student will analyze the role of the legislative branch in Georgia state government.

- a. Explain the qualifications, term, election, and duties of members of the General Assembly.
- b. Describe the organization of the General Assembly, with emphasis on leadership and the committee system.
- c. Evaluate how the legislative branch fulfills its role as the lawmaking body for the state of Georgia.

SS8CG3 The student will analyze the role of the executive branch in Georgia state government.

- a. Explain the qualifications, term, election, and duties of the governor and lieutenant governor.
- b. Describe the organization of the executive branch, with emphasis on major policy areas of state programs; include education, human resources, public safety, transportation, economic development, and natural resources.
- c. Evaluate how the executive branch fulfills its role through state agencies that administer programs and enforce laws.

SS8CG4 The student will analyze the role of the judicial branch in Georgia state government.

- a. Explain the structure of the court system in Georgia including trial and appellate procedures and how judges are selected.
- b. Explain the difference between criminal law and civil law.
- c. Describe the adult justice system, emphasizing the different jurisdictions, terminology, and steps in the criminal justice process.
- d. Describe ways to avoid trouble and settle disputes peacefully.
- e. Evaluate how the judicial branch fulfills its role in interpreting the

- 1) The MAIN purpose of the Georgia State Constitution is to
- A) determine how local governments will be managed.
 - B) give a framework for the laws and government of Georgia.
 - C) provide details of all the laws and statutes in Georgia.
 - D) explain federal laws and regulations to Georgia citizens.

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Qualifications of Members of the Georgia Senate
Must be a citizen of the United States
Must be at least 25 years old
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Which of these BEST completes the chart?

- A) must be married by the time he or she takes office
 - B) must have been a legal resident of Georgia for two years
 - C) must be part of the same political party as the governor
 - D) must own a least one piece of land in the state of Georgia
- 3) How do members of the General Assembly get into office?
- A) They are nominated by committees.
 - B) They are elected by secret ballot.
 - C) They are appointed by the governor.
 - D) They are chosen during town hall meetings.
- 4) Which position serves as the leader of the Senate in the Georgia General Assembly?
- A) Governor
 - B) Secretary
 - C) Lieutenant Governor
 - D) Speaker of the House
- 5) The Georgia General Assembly is comprised of the
- A) the Senate and the Cabinet.
 - B) the Senate and the House of Representatives.
 - C) the Cabinet and the House of Representatives.
 - D) the House of Representatives and the Speaker.
- 6) In what way is the Georgia Constitution SIMILAR to the United States Constitution?
- A) They each have been amended 27 times.
 - B) They each contain just seven "articles."
 - C) They each have remained unchanged since their approval.
 - D) They set up a separation of powers within the government.
- 7) How is citizenship related to voting?
- A) Only citizens are allowed to vote in elections.
 - B) Only natural-born citizens may vote in elections.
 - C) You can vote regardless of your citizenship status.
 - D) You must be a citizen for five years before voting in an election.

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SECTION I: Method of Voting; Right to Register and Vote

Paragraph I. Method of voting. Elections by the people shall be by secret ballot and shall be conducted in accordance with procedures provided by law.

Paragraph II. Right to register and vote. Every person who is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Georgia as defined by law, who is at least 18 years of age and not disenfranchised by this article, and who meets minimum residency requirements as provided by law shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the registration of electors.

Paragraph III. Exceptions to right to register and vote. (a) No person who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude may register, remain registered, or vote except upon completion of the sentence.

(b) No person who has been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent may register, remain registered, or vote unless the disability has been removed.

- from Article II of the *Constitution of the State of Georgia*

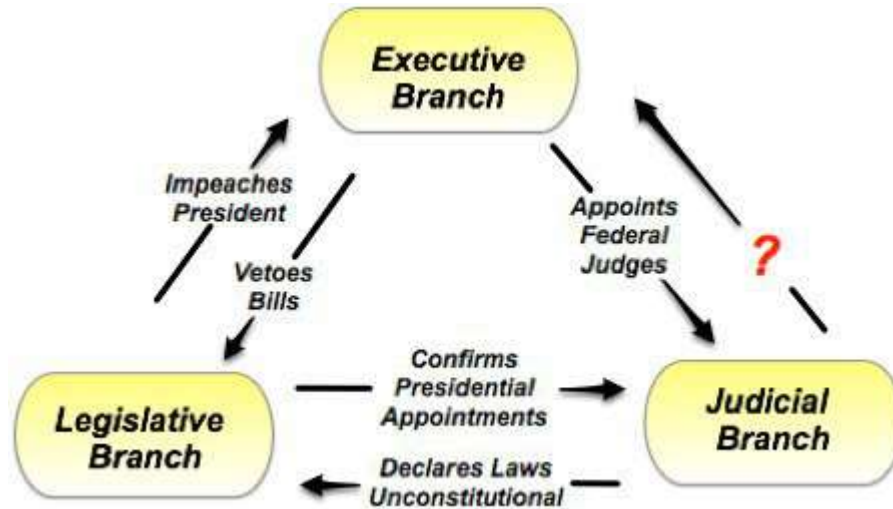
What is the relationship between voting and the General Assembly?

- A) The General Assembly can override election results.
- B) The General Assembly must approve all election results.
- C) The General Assembly can determine who can register to vote.
- D) The General Assembly must allow all citizens the right to vote.

9) The concept of separation and balance of powers in the Constitution refers to

- A) a separation of powers between various executive departments.
- B) a separation of powers between the national and state governments.
- C) a separation of powers between separate and coequal branches of government.
- D) a separation of individual rights from the rights that are granted to state governments.

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Which BEST completes the chart?

- A) Declares Executive Orders Unconstitutional
- B) Proposes Amendments to the Constitution
- C) Overrides Presidential Vetoes
- D) Impeaches Federal Judges

11) The MAIN reason citizens have rights and responsibilities is to

- A) allow the government to share power.
- B) punish those who not follow the rules.
- C) keep the power of the country with its citizens.
- D) to make the country the most powerful in the world.

12) What role does the Lieutenant Governor play in the General Assembly?

- A) chief officer of the Senate
- B) committee chairperson
- C) Speaker of the House
- D) the majority leader

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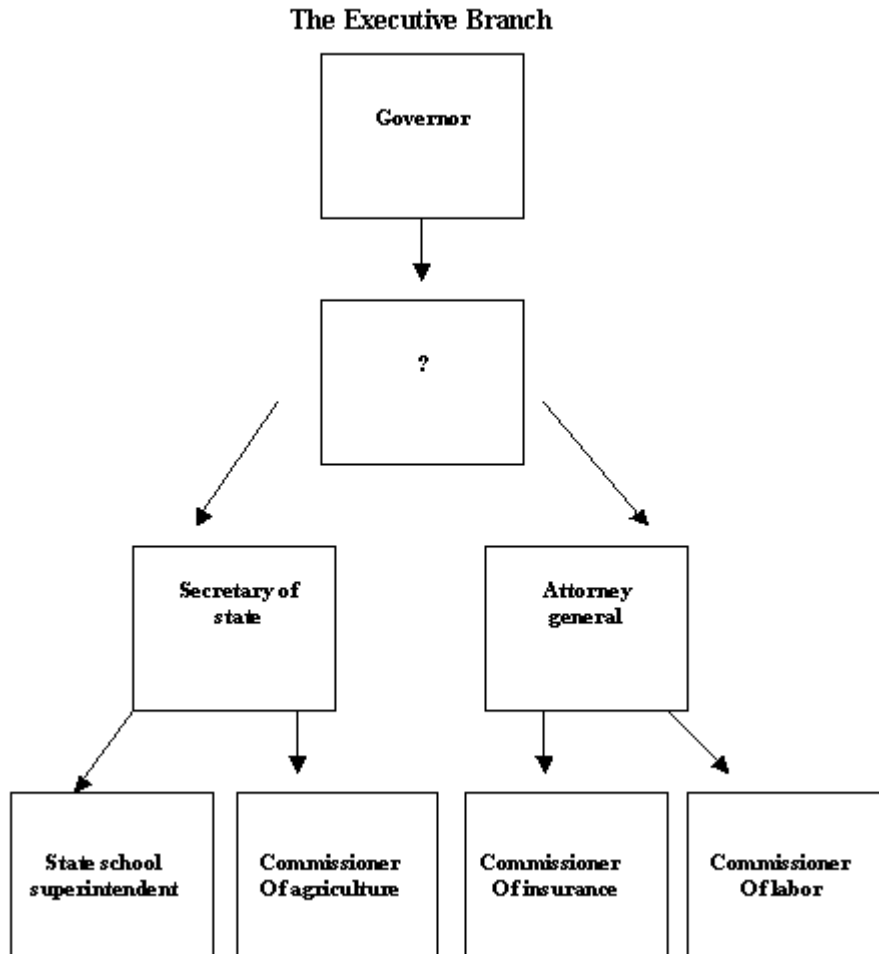
Requirements for Candidates for Governor
Must be thirty years old
Must have been a US Citizen for fifteen years
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Use the chart to answer the question.

Which BEST completes the chart?

- A) Must be at least a high school graduate.
- B) Must have served as a state legislator.
- C) Must have served as lieutenant governor prior to the election.
- D) Must be a Georgia resident for six years prior to the election.

14)



Use the diagram to answer the question.

Which BEST completes the diagram?

- A) The Supreme Court
- B) The State Legislature
- C) The Lieutenant Governor
- D) The Court of Appeals of Georgia

15) Being an informed citizen falls under which category?

- A) a civic duty
- B) a voting requirement
- C) a civic responsibility
- D) a consitutional amendment

16)

Two American presidents, Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, have been impeached. Impeachment is the investigation that takes place when an elected official is accused of illegal activity.

The impeachment procedure is an example of what principle?

- A) democracy
- B) checks and balances
- C) three branches of government
- D) separation of church and state

17) Which of these BEST defines a bicameral legislature?

- A) governing body made of two houses
- B) government made up of only two leaders
- C) government that requires four-year terms
- D) governing body that is unfair to its people

18) Who chooses who will be the Speaker of the House in the Georgia General Assembly?

- A) the Governor
- B) the Georgia Senate
- C) the voters of Georgia
- D) the majority party in the House

19) Which person is considered to be the leader of the national executive branch?

- A) Speaker
- B) President
- C) Chief Justice
- D) President Pro Tempore

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- Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
- Commissioner of Internal Revenue
- Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

All of these positions are part of the

- A) Executive Branch
- B) Legislative Branch
- C) United States Senate
- D) Central Intelligence Agency

21) In the General Assembly, the ___ serves as the official leader of the Georgia Senate.

- A) Speaker
- B) Governor
- C) Secretary of State
- D) Lieutenant Governor

22)

Governor: term of office; compensation and allowances.

"There shall be a Governor who shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor shall be chosen and qualified. Persons holding the office of Governor may succeed themselves for one four-year term of office. Persons who have held the office of Governor and have succeeded themselves as hereinbefore provided shall not again be eligible to be elected to that office until after the expiration of four years from the conclusion of their term as Governor. The compensation and allowances of the Governor shall be as provided by law."

- Paragraph I, Section I, Article V of the *Constitution of the State of Georgia*

What conclusion can you draw from this part of the Georgia Constitution?

- A) A Governor may be elected twice in a row.
- B) The Governor can only serve two terms in office.
- C) The voters elect a Governor every even numbered year.
- D) A person must be at least 35 years old to be Governor.

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"... (B)efore any bill or resolution shall become law, the Governor shall have the right to review such bill or resolution intended to have the effect of law which has been passed by the General Assembly. The Governor may veto, approve, or take no action on any such bill or resolution. In the event the Governor vetoes any such bill or resolution, the General Assembly may, by a two-thirds' vote, override such veto as provided in Article III of this Constitution."

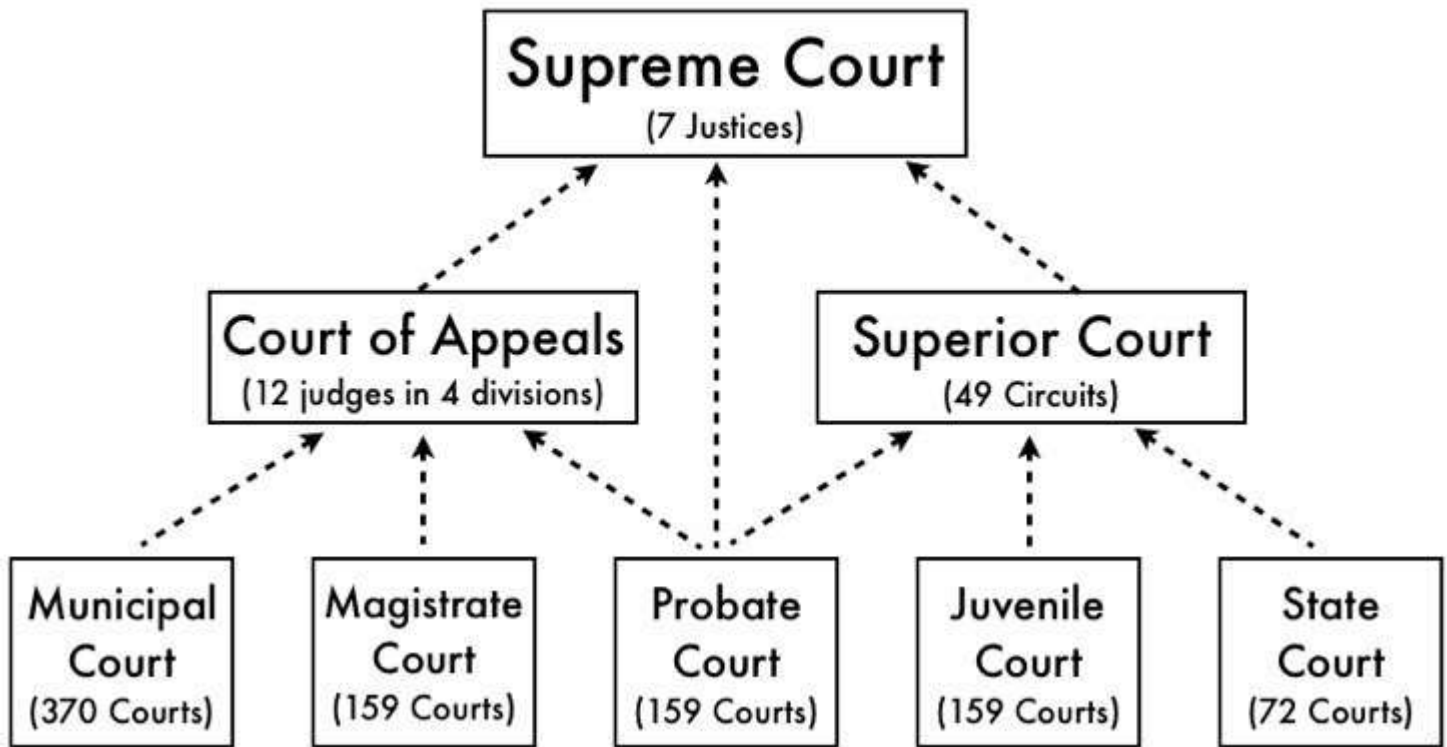
- from Paragraph IV, Section II, Article V of the *Constitution of the State of Georgia*

What would be the BEST title of this part of the Georgia Constitution?

- A) "Federalism"
- B) "Checks and Balances"
- C) "Popular Sovereignty"
- D) "Separation of Powers"

24)

The Court System of Georgia



What conclusion can you make about the Georgia Court System?

- A) Its members are appointed.
- B) Its authority is divided among many levels.
- C) It does not respond to the needs of everyday people.
- D) It is ultimately controlled by the Executive branch.

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Paragraph I. Election; term of office. All superior court and state court judges shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis for a term of four years. All Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis for a term of six years. The terms of all judges thus elected shall begin the next January 1 after their election. All other judges shall continue to be selected in the manner and for the term they were selected on June 30, 1983, until otherwise provided by local law.

Paragraph II. Qualifications. (a) Appellate and superior court judges shall have been admitted to practice law for seven years.

(b) State court judges shall have been admitted to practice law for seven years, provided that this requirement shall be five years in the

case of state court judges elected or appointed in the year 2000 or earlier. Juvenile court judges shall have been admitted to practice law for five years.

(c) Probate and magistrate judges shall have such qualifications as provided by law.

(d) All judges shall reside in the geographical area in which they are selected to serve.

(e) The General Assembly may provide by law for additional qualifications, including, but not limited to, minimum residency requirements.

Paragraph III. Vacancies. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Governor except as otherwise provided by law in the magistrate, probate, and juvenile courts.

- from Section VII, Article VI of the *Constitution of the State of Georgia*

What would happen if a Supreme Court justice retired in the middle of her term?

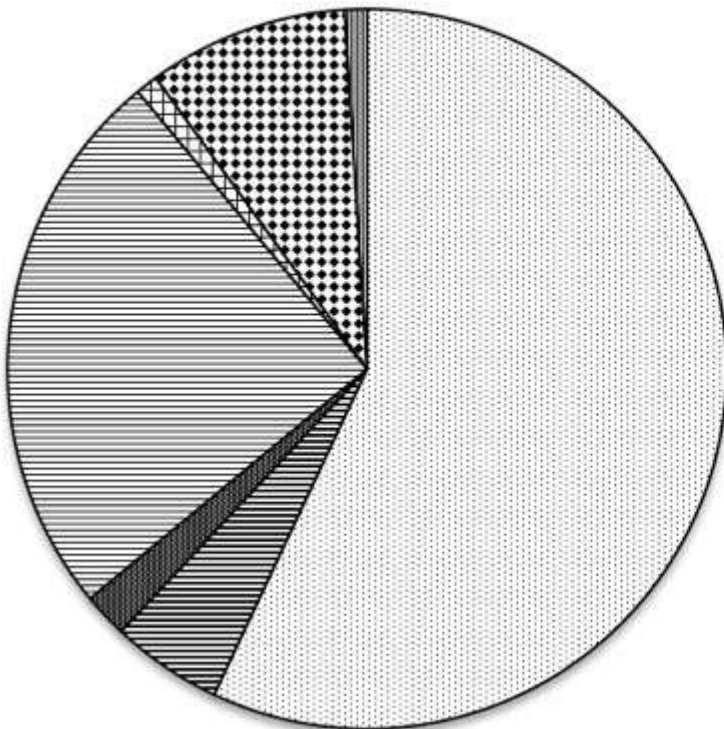
- A) A special election would be held.
- B) The Governor would fill the vacancy.
- C) The General Assembly would fill the vacancy.
- D) There would be an open spot until the next election.

26) If the state of Georgia change the qualifications to be Governor, which Article of the Georgia Constitution would be impacted MOST?

- A) Article V
- B) Article IV
- C) Article VI
- D) Article III

27)

Georgia State Government Expenditures



- Education
- Transportation
- General Govt.
- Health Care
- Natural Resources
- Public Safety
- Economic Development

According to the graph, What can you conclude about the policy areas in the state of Georgia?

- A) Education receives the most money each year.
- B) More taxes are needed to improve Economic Development.
- C) Transportation is not important to most people in Georgia.
- D) Public Safety has seen repeated budget cuts during the decade.

28) The Department of Education would be MOST likely to address which of these situations?

- A) building parks

- B) officer training
- C) teacher certification
- D) construction practices

29) The Department of Natural Resources would be MOST likely to address which of these situations?

- A) More lanes are needed on Georgia interstates.
- B) Businesses are closing in major tourist spots.
- C) Deer are being hunted to extinction in parts of the state.
- D) Crime is increasing in rural areas in the northern counties.

30) The Department of Public Safety would be MOST likely to address which of these situations?

- A) Rainbow Trout are almost extinct in the Oconee River.
- B) The Port of Savannah needs to add additional docks and piers.
- C) Concerns about attacks on the state Capitol building are increasing.
- D) The State School Superintendent wants more funding for public schools.

31) The Department of Transportation would be MOST likely to address which of these situations?

- A) People are no longer visiting locations along the Georgia coast.
- B) School children lack new or updated textbooks in their classrooms.
- C) Elderly citizens in one part of the county have no access to medical care.
- D) Many state highways lack enough lanes to handle increased traffic and congestion.

32) The Department of Economic Development would be MOST likely to address which of these situations?

- A) More lanes are needed on Georgia interstates.
- B) Businesses are closing in major tourist spots.
- C) Deer are being hunted to extinction in parts of the state.
- D) Crime is increasing in rural areas in the northern counties.

33) The _____ is the second-highest ranking court in the state of Georgia.

- A) Supreme Court
- B) Superior Courts
- C) Juvenile Courts
- D) Court of Appeals

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- Right to a fair and speedy trial
- Right to an attorney
- Right to remain silent

What would be the BEST title for this short list?

- A) "First Amendment Rights"
- B) "*Due Process* Rights"
- C) "*De Facto* Jurisdiction"
- D) "The Preamble to the Constitution"

35)

The town of Spiveydale passes a law that requires all right handed people to pay a tax of \$500 per year. The mayor signs this law and enforces it.

Right-handed residents in the town want to challenge this law. Which would be the BEST option for doing this?

- A) writing the mayor
- B) writing the President
- C) using the court system
- D) picketing the town council

36) To ensure that all people receive justice in our legal system, the state of Georgia

- A) requires that the Legislative branch make the laws for all of the state.
- B) has many different levels of courts to handle many different kinds of cases.
- C) prevents people accused of a crime from having any contact with their families.
- D) requires all people accused of a crime to pay for their attorney before their trial