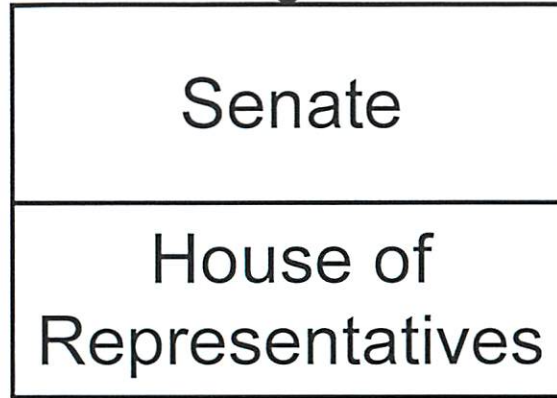
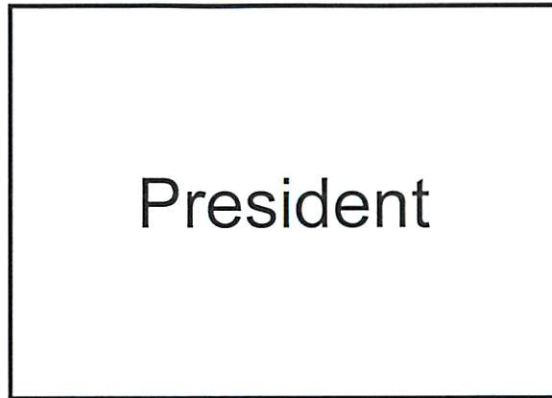


Independent political institutions with staggered terms of office. One cannot force another to act, e.g. President v. Congress or Senate v. House and vice versa.

## Congress



4 year term with a possible 2nd term. Can potentially serve 6 to 10 years if the President dies in the first or second two years of 2nd term.

Senate: 6 year term  
House: 2 year term  
(the only directly elected government officials under the Constitution)

Life appointment by the President; confirmed majority of the Senate