

READING ASSIGNMENTS & STUDY GUIDE

American Legion Boys State Program 2023



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DAY TWO

TOPIC: The Legislative Branch of the Tennessee Government

INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL: Pages 3-5

1. Define the term: bicameral
2. The "General Assembly" consists of what 2 bodies?
3. Are State Legislators full-time or part-time lawmakers?
4. What is the primary function of the General Assembly?
5. What is the total number of House members that serve?
6. How many Senate members serve?
7. Who chooses the Secretary of State, Comptroller of the treasury, and the Treasurer?
8. Once organized, the Legislature is limited to how many "legislative days"?
9. Where does legislation originate?
10. What is another name for "legislation"?
11. What US Presidents formerly served in the Tennessee legislature?

SENATE: Pages 7-8

1. Which house is the "upper house"?
2. Tennessee consists of how many senatorial districts?
3. How many years does a Senate term consist of?
4. What is the minimum age for serving in the Tennessee Senate?
5. What is the residential requirement before being elected to the Senate?
6. The leader of the Senate is given two names. What are they?
7. Who currently serves as the Speaker of the Senate?
8. What is the member called that serves in the absence of the Speaker?

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Pages 67-74

1. What is the name for the "lower house" of the General Assembly?
2. How many districts constitute the House of Representatives?
3. How many years define the term of a member of the House of Representatives?
4. What is the minimum age for serving in the House of Representatives?
5. What is the residential requirement before being elected to the House?
6. What does the Speaker of the House do? What is a "speaker pro tempore"?
7. Who appoints all House committees?
8. Which political party currently holds the majority in the House?
9. Who currently serves as Speaker of the House? Speaker Pro Tempore?

THE SECRETARY OF STATE: Pages 195-201

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY: Pages 205-211

TREASURER: Pages 215-222

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DAY THREE

TOPIC: The Executive Branch of the Tennessee Government

INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL: Pages 226-227

1. Who directs the administrative divisions of the State Government?
2. The Tennessee Constitution places the “Supreme Executive Power” into whose hands?
3. How many people are employed in the executive branch of government? Approx.
4. How many Cabinet-level departments and other agencies exist in Tennessee?

GOVERNOR: Pages 229-261

1. Who is the 50th Governor of Tennessee?
2. What are the administrative priorities of the current Governor?
3. What is the primary responsibility of the Governor?
4. To whom does the Governor delegate responsibility?
5. What are the Constitutional requirements for being Governor?
6. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Governor, who succeeds to the office?

AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS: Pages 263-494

Read the Introductory paragraph as it relates to each State Department or Agency. Develop a basic understanding of each department.

DEPARTMENT

- Agriculture
- Children’s Services
- Commerce & Insurance
- Correction
- Economic & Community Development
- Education
- Environment & Conservation
- Finance & Administration
- Financial Institutions
- General Services
- Health
- Human Resources
- Human Services
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
- Labor & Workforce Development
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
- Military
- Revenue
- Safety & Homeland Security
- Tourist Development
- Transportation
- Veterans Services

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DAY FOUR

TOPIC: The Judicial Branch of the Tennessee Government

INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL: Pages 498-499

1. Which branch of government serves as a “check” on the others?
2. Which court is the highest court in the state?
3. What constitutes the fourth level of courts?

SUPREME COURT: Pages 501-505

1. The Supreme Court consists of how many justices?
2. Name the two appellate courts?
3. What are the 4 trial courts of Tennessee?
4. What three cities are the locations for Supreme Court meetings?
5. How often are the Supreme Court Judges elected?

COURT OF APPEALS: Pages 506-513

1. How many members constitute the Court of Appeals?
2. What type of cases are appealed to the Court of Appeals?

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS: Page 513-519

1. How many members constitute the Court of Criminal Appeals?
2. What type of cases are appealed to the Court of Criminal Appeals?