




# STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT – Sample Answers

## State Government

Legislative Branch 	Executive Branch 	Judicial Branch 
Florida House of Representatives Florida Senate	Governor	Florida Supreme Court
Pass laws Represent citizens who lives in their districts	Veto laws Includes many departments, these departments carry out the laws made by the legislative branch	Decide whether state laws violate the state's constitution District courts Courts of Appeal Supreme Court The FL Supreme Court reviews decisions by lower courts, supervises the other courts and interprets the state constitution.

## Local Government

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home rule is self-government by <u>citizens</u> at the local level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Home Rule authorizes the governmental, corporate and proprietary powers necessary to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>Every city is governed or run by a group of people who <u>make</u> and <u>change</u> laws (called ordinances)</li> <li>The people elected to run the <u>city</u> are usually called mayor, councilmember or commissioner.</li> <li><u>Ordinances</u> cannot conflict with state or federal law.</li> <li>In order to propose and vote on ordinances, city councils and commissions create a <u>meeting</u> schedule. In order for an ordinance to be passed, a <u>majority</u> of the quorum must vote in favor of it.</li> </ul>
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