**STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT – Sample Answers**

**State Government**

| **Legislative Branch** | **Executive Branch** | **Judicial Branch** |
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| 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**

| * Home rule is self-government by citizens at the local level.   + *Home Rule authorizes the governmental, corporate and proprietary powers necessary to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services.* * Every city is governed or run by a group of people who make and change laws (called ordinances) * The people elected to run the city are usually called mayor, councilmember or commissioner. * Ordinances cannot conflict with state or federal law. * In order to propose and vote on ordinances, city councils and commissions create a meeting schedule. In order for an ordinance to be passed, a majority of the quorum must vote in favor of it. |
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