

## Amend



To change the wording by inserting and/or removing text of a bill, constitution, etc.

## Bill



An idea or plan for a possible new law.

## Branches of Government



The three distinct sections of government: executive, legislative, and judicial.

## Capital



The city where the government of a state is located.

The capital of Virginia is located in Richmond, near the James River. The capital of the United States is Washington DC, which is located north of Richmond.

## Capitol



The building where a state's government meets.

The architecture of the Virginia State Capitol was designed by Thomas Jefferson and modeled after a Classical Roman temple in Nîmes, France.

## Citizen



A member of a state or nation who owes allegiance to its government and is entitled to its protection.

## Commonwealth



A government based upon the power of the people united for the common good or common wealth.

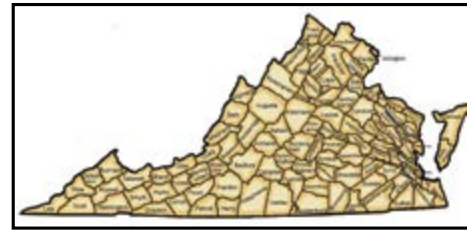
Virginia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania are all Commonwealths.

## Constitution



An official document that establishes the basic principles of government.

## Counties



The largest local government of most of the United States.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has 95 counties and 39 independent cities. In Virginia, cities are separate and distinct from counties.

## Elect

To select for some office by voting.

## General Assembly



The legislative branch of Virginia government that makes state laws.

The General Assembly: House of Delegates (100 members) and Senate (40 members).

## Governor



Executive Mansion

A person who is the state's top elected official and is the head of the executive branch of government.

## Legislator



An elected member of a legislative body who acts for or represents others.

A legislator in Virginia is known as a Delegate or Senator.

## Patriotic



Having and showing respect and love for your country.

For example, July 4th is the day the United States of America celebrates its independence. Many people wear red, white, and blue, and display the American flag.

## Population



Number of people living in a community.

Each House of Delegates member represents approximately

80,000 citizens. Each Senate member represents approximately 176,000 citizens.

## Representative Democracy

A government in which people vote for (elect) a smaller group of citizens to make rules and laws for everyone.

## Tax



The money that you have to pay to the government so that it can provide public services.

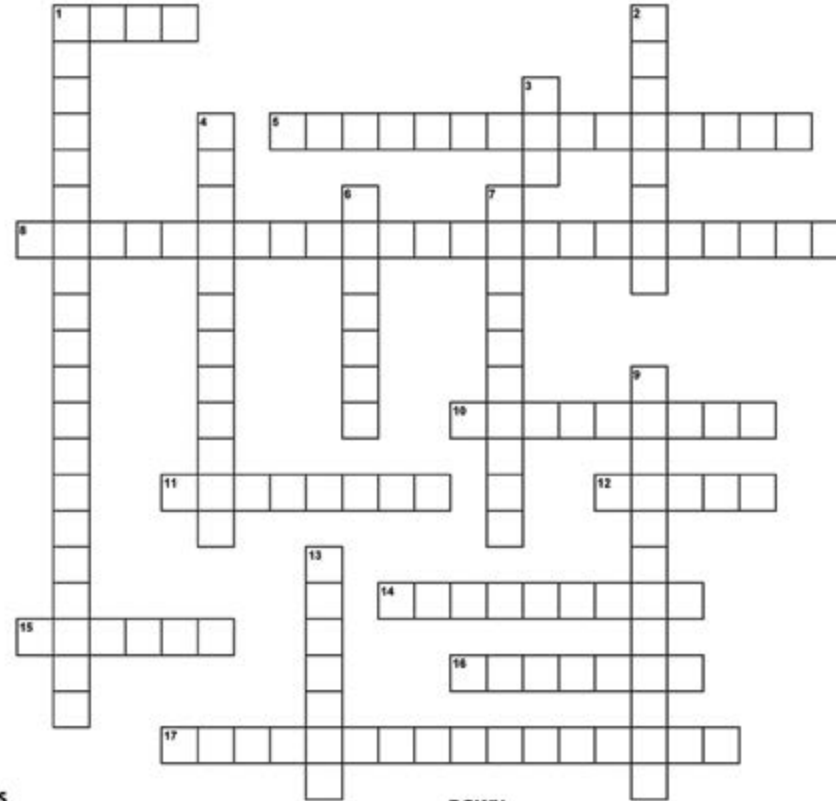
## Virginia House of Burgesses



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The first elected representative legislative assembly in North America, which met at Jamestown in 1619.

## VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOCABULARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 An idea or plan for a possible new law.
- 5 (2 words) Known as the legislative branch of Virginia Government.
- 8 (2 words) A government in which people vote for a smaller group to make rules and laws for everyone.
- 10 Having love and respect for one's country.
- 11 Virginia has 95 of these.
- 12 To change the wording by inserting and/or removing text of a bill or constitution.
- 14 The Virginia House of Burgesses met here for the first time in 1619.
- 15 Consists of 40 members in the Virginia General Assembly.
- 16 Richmond, Virginia is one of 50 of these in the United States.
- 17 (3 words) Consists of 100 members in the Virginia General Assembly.

### DOWN

- 1 (3 words) The executive, judicial, and legislative.
- 2 A state's top elected official.
- 3 One way a government gets money to provide public services.
- 4 An official document that establishes the basic principles of government.
- 6 Designed by Thomas Jefferson, this building is the second oldest of its kind in the United States.
- 7 In Virginia, known as a Delegate or Senator.
- 9 Virginia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania all have this in common.
- 13 A person who owes allegiance to its government and is entitled to its protection.

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## Pocket Glossary

(Virginia SOL: Virginia Studies)

A guide to terms relating to the Virginia General Assembly



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