

# The House of Delegates Chamber

During your visit to the State Capitol, you had the opportunity to visit the Chamber and participate in a Chamber Presentation. Can you remember the importance of the various features pointed out in the photograph below?

This plaque is dedicated to the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, which was written by \_\_\_\_\_.

It was enacted into law in 1786.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ sits at this desk.  
The responsibilities of this position include:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The three branches of state government are: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . The members of the House of Delegates are a part of this branch:

\_\_\_\_\_

The 8th and 9th grade students who work in the Chamber are called \_\_\_\_\_.

The electronic \_\_\_\_\_ boards display the Members' recorded votes.



The \_\_\_\_\_ is where the public sits to view Session.

Bonus #1: How many members are there in the House of Delegates?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Bonus #2: What three parties are represented in the House of Delegates?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



After the \_\_\_\_\_ reading of a bill, Delegates record their vote yea or nay. If the bill is approved by both the House and the Senate, it is then sent to the \_\_\_\_\_.

During the legislative Session, the \_\_\_\_\_ carries the 20-pound, 24-karat gold-coated \_\_\_\_\_ into the Chamber and places it in front of the Clerk's desk. Upon adjournment, it is returned to a display case in the Old House Chamber.

Bonus # 3: The General Assembly meets annually beginning on the second Wednesday in January. During even-numbered years, the General Assembly meets for \_\_\_\_\_ days. During odd-numbered years, it meets for \_\_\_\_\_ days. Often, the odd-numbered year Session is extended to 46 days.

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T. Jefferson and J. Madison

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The Speaker of the House sits at this desk.  
The responsibilities of this position include:

assigning bills to the appropriate committee

appointing the membership to the 14 committees

The three branches of state government are:  
executive, legislative and  
judicial. The members of the House of Delegates are a part of this branch:  
legislative

The 8th and 9th grade students who work in the Chamber are called

Pages

The electronic voting boards display the Members' recorded votes.



The gallery is where the public sits to view Session.

Bonus #1: How many members are there in the House of Delegates?

100

Bonus #2: What three parties are represented in the House of Delegates?

Republican

Democrat

Independent



After the third reading of a bill, Delegates have a chance to vote. If it is approved by both the House and the Senate, it is then sent to the

Governor

During the legislative Session, the Sergeant at Arms carries the 20-pound, 24-karat gold-coated mace into the Chamber and places it in front of the Clerk's desk. Upon adjournment, it is returned to a display case in the Old House Chamber.

Bonus # 3: The General Assembly meets annually beginning on the second Wednesday in January. During even-numbered years, the General Assembly meets for 60 days. During odd-numbered years, it meets for 30 days. Often, the odd-numbered year Session is extended to 46 days.