A Federal Government Flashcards

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| What are some of the duties of the President? | EXECUTES LAW OF THE LAND; PREPARES ANNUAL BUDGET FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION; APPOINTS CABINET OFFICERS, AMBASSADORS, AND FEDERAL JUDGES; ADMINISTERS FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY |
| These courts which try civil and criminal cases are part of the state's judicial branch. | CIRCUIT COURTS |
| Is the Constitution frequently amended? | NO, THE PROCESS IS COMPLEX. TO DATE, THE CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN AMENDED ONLY 27 TIMES. |
| The powers NOT given to the national government by the Constitution of the United States of America are: | RESERVED FOR THE STATES |
| What are the some of the legislative "checks" on the judicial branch? | APPROVES FEDERAL JUDGES; MAY IMPEACH FEDERAL JUDGES |
| What document defines the process by which changes can be made to the Constitution? | THE CONSTITUTION ITSELF DEFINES THE PROCESS. |
| What are the some of the legislative "checks" on the executive branch? | MAY OVERRIDE VETOES; MAY IMPEACH A PRESIDENT |
| A system of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ gives each of the three branches of government ways to limit the powers of the other branches. | CHECKS AND BALANCES |
| Where does the local executive branch get its authority? | ELECTED OR APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR CITY COUNCIL; CITY OR COUNTY MANAGERS HIRED BY LOCAL LEGISLATURES |
| How many amendments have been added to the Constitution? | 27 |
| Separating power among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches helps prevent any one branch from - | ABUSING ITS POWER |
| What are the some of the judicial "checks" on the legislative branch? | MAY DECLARE LAWS UNCONSTITUTIONAL |
| The highest court in the U.S. It has the final power of judicial review | SUPREME COURT |
| The powers of the national government are either \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Constitution of the United States of America. | EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED |
| What are the some of the judicial "checks" on the executive branch? | MAY DECLARE EXECUTIVE ACTS UNCONSTITUTIONAL |
| What are some of the duties of the state's executive branch (the governor)? | CARRIES OUT VA LAWS, PREPARES BIENNIEL BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; APPOINTS CABINET OFFICERS AND BOARDS, ADMINISTERS THE BUREAUCRACY; GRANTS PARDONS |
| What are some of the duties of Congress? | MAKES LAWS FOR NATION; APPROVES ANNUAL BUDGET; APPROVES PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS |
| These courts try cases involving federal law and U.S. Constitutional questions | FEDERAL COURTS |
| The Constitution establishes the principle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which is the division of power between the states and the national government. | FEDERALISM |
| The powers of the local governments in Virginia are | DERIVED FROM THE STATE |
| What are some of the duties of the local legislative branch? | TO MAKE ORDINANCES FOR THE COMMUNITY; TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL BUDGET |
| What are some of the primary responsibilities of the state governments? | TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE |
| What are the some of the executive "checks" on the judicial branch? | APPOINTS FEDERAL JUDGES |
| What are some of the primary responsibilities of the national government? | TO CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY AND REGULATE COMMERCE |
| The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has the power of judicial review over state laws. | STATE SUPREME COURT |
| What are some of the duties of the state's legislative branch? | TO MAKE LAWS FOR VIRGINIA; APPROVE BIENNIAL (TWO-YEAR) BUDGET; EXERCISE POWER UNDER THE 10TH AMENDMENT |
| The Constitution of the United States of America establishes a federal form of government in which the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is supreme. | NATIONAL GOVERNMENT |
| How can the Constitution be amended? | FIRST CONGRESS OR A SPECIAL CONVENTION VOTES FOR AN AMENDMENT. THEN THE AMENDMENT MUST BE RATIFIED BY THE STATES. |
| Who creates and controls all powers of local governments in Virginia? | THE STATE |
| What are the some of the executive "checks" on the legislative branch? | MAY VETO ACTS OF CONGRESS; MAY CALL CONGRESS INTO SPECIAL SESSION |