Where is the Pennsylvania State Capitol located?

Harrisburg, PA



Who founded Pennsylvania and when?

William Penn January 5, 1681



What two bodies make up the Pennsylvania General Assembly?

The Senate and The House of Representatives



What are the 3 branches of government in Pennsylvania?

Executive, Legislative, and Judicial



How old must you be to vote in the state of Pennsylvania?

18 years old



How many days do you need to register before voting day in Pennsylvania?

30 days prior to the election





When do general elections take place?

The first Tuesday of November



Amendment

An amendment adds a new law or changes a current law to the Constitution. It requires a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress and must be ratified by approval of threefourths of the states.





Bill of Rights

First Ten Amendments to the US Constitution



Civil Rights

Protections and privileges given to all United States citizens by the US Constitution and Bill of Rights





Democracy

Form of government in which political control is exercised by the people, directly or through elected representatives



Diplomacy

The art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations





Direct Democracy

Form of government in which the people completely exercise political decisions



Electoral College

Group of presidential electors that casts the official votes of each state for President after the presidential election





Equality

The condition of possessing substantially the same rights, privileges, and immunities, and being held responsible for the same duties as other members of society



Mass Media

Internet, television, radio, newspapers, magazines, and other means of popular communication





Political Party

Any group, however loosely organized, that seeks to elect government officials under a given label



Republic

Form of government in which political control is exercised through elected representatives





Primary Election

Voters select a candidate to represent their political party



General Election

Voters may choose a candidate from any political party to serve as their official







Head of executive branch for a state. Elected every 4 years



Lieutenant Governor

First in line of succession under governor





Attorney General

Chief legal advisor and chief law enforcement officer for the state government



Auditor General

Ensures that all money is spent legally and properly





Treasurer

Serves as state's banker and manages the state's money

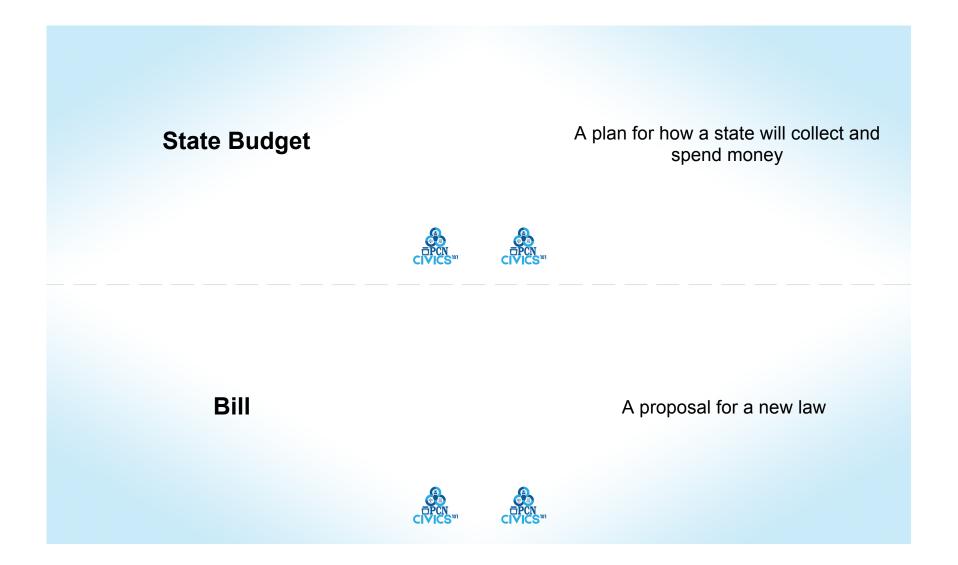


Candidate

Someone who runs for elective office







Speaker of the House

Presides over sessions of the Pennsylvania House



Constituent

Person who is politically represented by a government official







When the president or governor refuses to approve a bill or joint resolution

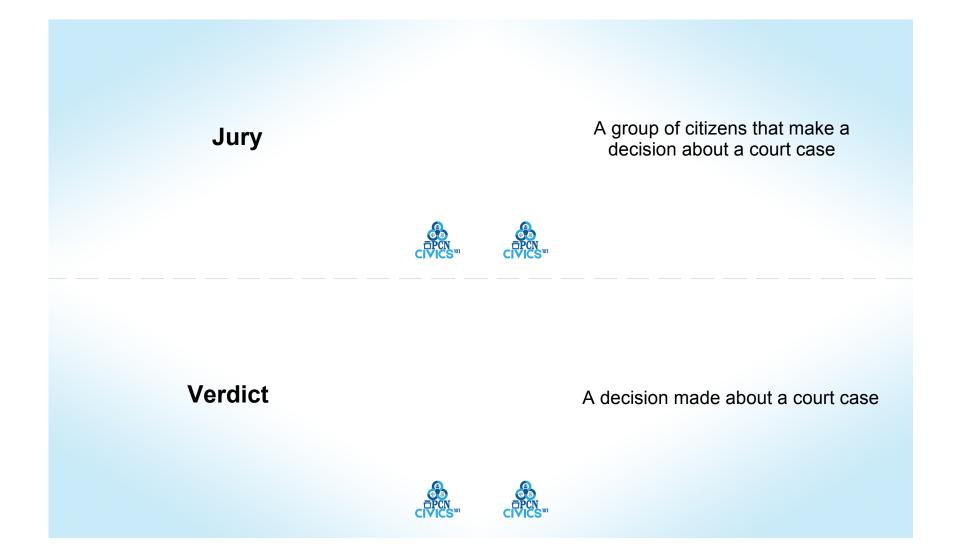


Appeal

Request for a higher court to review a lower court's decision







Checks and Balances

Prevents any one branch of government from becoming too powerful



Witness

Person who testifies and gives evidence for a court case



