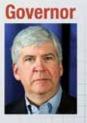




The Executive Branch are people like:









They enforce the laws.

They do it with help... usually from the prosecutors & police





The Legislative Branch are people like: our Senators, Representatives and City Council members. LEGISLATIVE



They meet together to make the laws.



United States Three LEVELS of Government FEDERAL



STATE









FEDERAL The Executive Branch

President & Vice President



Barack Obama

Joe Biden

Cabinet members such as Attorney General, Treasurer and Secretary of State.





Eric Holder **Loretta Lynch**



FEDERAL The Executive Branch

The Attorney General controls the FBI.



The Treasurer controls the banks.



The Secretary of

controls the ambassadors and all foreign policy.







Debbie Stabenow & Gary Peters



John Conyers & Brenda Lawrence







The lowest level are the

DISTRICT COURTS

where prosecutions and all lawsuits start. These district courts are in every state. Michigan has two.

The Chief of the U.S. District Court for the **Eastern District** of Michigan is **Judge Denise Paige Hood**







If you don't like what happened in the U.S. District Court, then you can appeal to the ...

U.S. COURT OF APPEAL



COURT OF APPEALS

The appellate judges decide if they made any mistakes in the **U.S. District Courts.**

One of our circuit's appellate judges is **Damon Keith**



Finally, if you don't like what happens in the U.S. Court of Appeals, then you can ask for a final appeal to the highest court in the country

U.S. SUPREME COURT



FEDERAL The Judicial Branch

SUPREME COURT



The U.S. Supreme Court has nine members, all of whom were nominated by a President, and approved by the Senate.

Only two African-Americans have served on the U.S. Supreme Court. One was Thurgood Marshall, a civil rights icon who served from 1967 to 1991.



STATE

The Executive Branch

Michigan's Executive Branch is quite different from the Federal Government.

Michigan voters elect our Executive Officers, including:



RICK SNYDER



BRIAN CALLEY



BILL SCHUETTE



RUTH JOHNSON



STATE

The Executive Branch



Michigan's SECRETARY OF STATE is in charge of licenses and state elections.

The State of Michigan is also responsible for the **EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN, so we also elect** candidates to the state Board of Education and to the boards of state universities, such as Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State.





STATE

The Legislative Branch

Michigan's Legislative Branch also has two chambers.

The Michigan

The Michigan HOUSE of Representatives

people...the more



Your city's POPULATION determines how many SENATORS and REPRESENTATIVES you can have.



STATE

The Legislative Branch

MEMBERS

The Michigan SENATE





Sen. Bert Johnson and Sen. Coleman Young I

The Michigan **HOUSE** of Representatives

MEMBERS





Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo and Fred Durhal

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STATE

The Judicial Branch

MICHIGAN'S JUDICIAL BRANCH also has three basic levels:

MI Supreme Court

MI Court of Appeals

District & Circuit Court

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STATE

The Judicial Branch

The lowest level are the

DISTRICT & CIRCUIT COURTS where criminal prosecutions and all civil lawsuits start. These courts are in every city and county.

If you don't like what happened in District or Circuit Court, then py you can appeal to the ...

MI COURT OF APPEALS



STATE

The Judicial Branch

MI COURT OF APPEALS



One of our circuit's appellate judges is Judge Cynthia Stephens

These appellate judges also decide if they made any mistakes in the district or circuit courts.

Finally, if you don't like what happens in the Michigan Court of Appeals, then you can ask for a final appeal to the highest court in the state,



MI SUPREME COURT



STATE

The Judicial Branch

MI SUPREME COURT

The Michigan Supreme Court has seven members, all of whom are eventually elected by Michigan voters.



Michigan Supreme Court Justices



≯ LOCAL

City and County Executive Branch

Local governments have Executive Branches that are usually headed by a County Executive and Mayors.



Wayne County Executive Warren Evans



City of Detroit Mayor Coleman Young



City of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan

Local voters elect our **County Executive** and Mayor.



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City and County Legislative Branch

Local Legislative Branches usually consist of County Commissions and City Councils.



Local voters elect our County Commisioners and City Council.



- Local governments do NOT have a judicial branch. All Michigan courts are organized and run by the Michigan Supreme Court.
- Local governments D0 have school boards, who determine how public schools are run in their communities.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016



In November, voters have an opportunity to vote for candidates running for office in

(i.e., Federal, State and Local)

and

EVERY BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

(i.e., Executive, Legislative and Judicial)

(i.e

Tuesday, November 8, 2016



On the Federal level, we're voting for our EXECUTIVE BRANCH leaders, the President and Vice President of the United States.

We vote for President every four "4" years.



Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine OR Donald Trump and Mike Pence

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

We also vote for every member of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES





They only serve two "2" year terms

John Conyers & Brenda Lawrence

U.S. SENATORS serve





six "6" year terms
-but are not up for re-election this year

Debbie Stabenow & Gary Peters

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We never vote for any Federal judges because they are appointed to serve for life.

On the state level, we're voting for some

executive, legislative and judicial officers.

The executive officers include members of

- State Board of Education
- Michigan Board of Regents
- Michigan State Board of Trustees
- Wayne State Board of Governors



Yvette Anderson
Candidate for
Wayne State
Board of Governors

Tuesday, November 8, 2016



Members of Michigan's House of Representatives, like U.S. Representatives, serve two "2" year terms.

Every Michigan House seat is on this year's ballot

Michigan Senators serve four year terms, so they will be on the 2018 ballot.

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We're also voting for two "2" Michigan Supreme Court seats....

Wayne County Circuit Judges Deborah Thomas and Frank Szymanski



incumbent Justices
David Viviano and Joan Larsen







MI Circuit Appellate Judge Cynthia Stephens



We're voting for candidates for the Michigan Court of Appeals, County Circuit Courts and local district courts.

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On the local level, we'll be voting for county executives, county treasurers, county prosecutors, county sheriffs, county commissioners, judges, eity council and school board members.



Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree



City of Detroit 36th District Court Judge Izetta Bright



City of Detroit
DPSC District
Board At-Large
Angelique
Peterson-Mayberry

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Finally, we will also vote on ballot proposals, which is another way to make new laws.



Ballot proposals are usually the result of petitions signed by voters who want a new law established



Judicial candidates and ballot proposals are separated on the ballot from the executive and legislative races.

Sometimes you have to turn the ballot OVER to vote for the judges and ballot proposals.





What can YOU do?



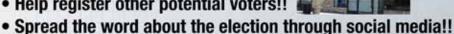
Register to VOTE.

And encourage others to register to VOTE!!

The deadline is October 11th!!

You can register with the Secretary of State or your local clerk

Help register other potential voters!!



Take control of your destiny!!!