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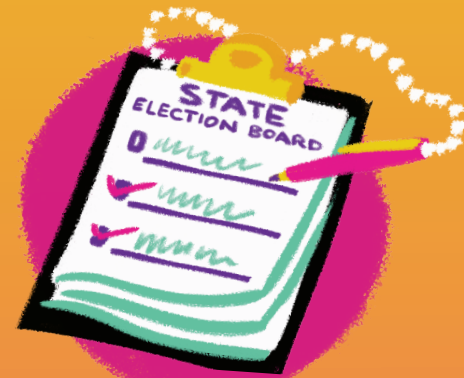
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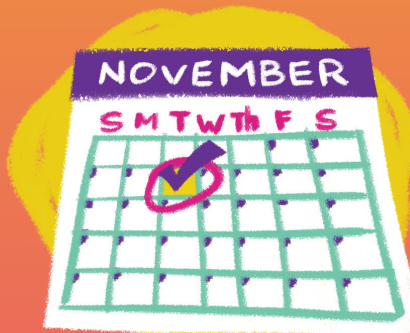
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\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are primarily responsible for organizing elections.



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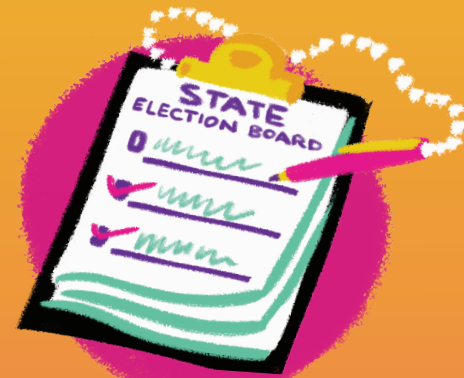
The Constitution requires that elections take place frequently and regularly so that the government would be responsive to the people. The **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** is the most responsive body because its elections are held every 2 years.



During **PRIMARY** elections, the people help choose their political party's candidates. Then, in the general election, the people choose the winner among those candidates.



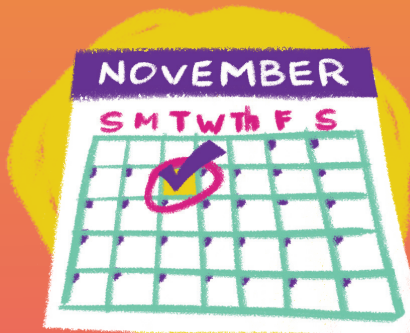
Elections ensure that political power ultimately belongs to the **PEOPLE** and not the politicians.



**STATE** and **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS** are primarily responsible for organizing elections.



Federal elections held almost halfway through a President's four-year term are called **MIDTERM** elections and mainly involve electing members of the U.S. Congress.



The general election at the federal level is held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.



Before the 26th Amendment lowered the voting age to 18, the minimum age that citizens were generally allowed to vote was **21**.