

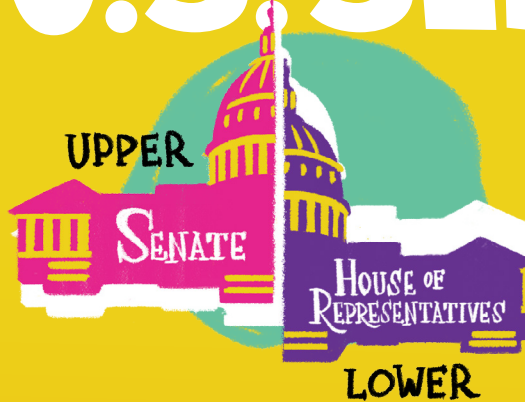


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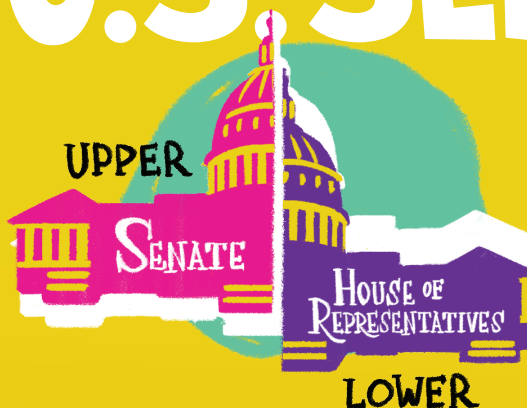


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# THE U.S. SENATE



One of the main powers of a senator is to **PROPOSE AND VOTE FOR LAWS.**



Senators are part of the **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH** of government, which also includes the House of Representatives.



In addition to making laws, senators have voted to declare war, to confirm or reject presidential appointments, and to conduct **INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.**



A senator's term lasts **6** years, making it a more deliberative body than the House of Representatives.



Originally, the Constitution gave state legislatures the power to elect senators, but the 17th Amendment changed that by empowering state voters to directly elect them through **POPULAR VOTE.**



In order to be a senator, a person must be at least 30 years old, be a citizen of the United States for at least nine years, and **INHABIT THE STATE THEY REPRESENT.**



The Founders made Senate terms six years long so that senators wouldn't be **TOO SWAYED BY PUBLIC OPINION.**



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