Politics 101

An entry level overview of the State legislative process and how it affects Parks and Recreation professionals

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Purpose of this session is to...

- Identify the basics of state politics.
- Discuss the role of our elected officials at the state level.
- Participate in an interactive role playing segment that allows you to be a Senator or Representative.

What kind of government do we have anyway?

- Democratic
- Socialist
- Republic
- Other

- Republic

The State Legislative Process

- A bill is a proposal to enact new legislation or amend an existing statute.
- A resolution is a legislative proposal for an action not affecting statutory law.

Legislative Bodies are either...

- Bicameral
- Unicameral

Florida's Three Branches of Government

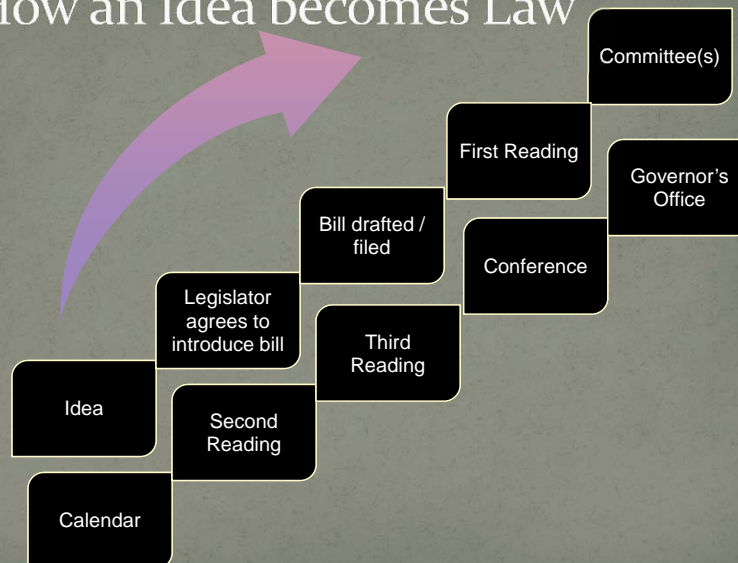- Executive Branch
- House of Representatives
- Senate

By the Numbers...

- There are _____ Florida Senators serving _____ year terms.
- There are _____ members of the Florida House of Representatives serving _____ year terms.
- All must be at least _____ years old and must have lived in Florida for _____ years prior to running for election.

How an Idea becomes Law

Committee(s)

First Reading

Governor's Office

Bill drafted / filed

Conference

Legislator agrees to introduce bill

Third Reading

Idea

Second Reading

Calendar

So, what is it like to be a legislator?

Questions?