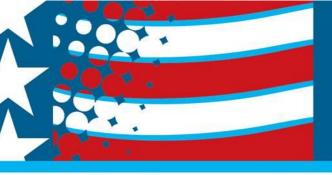


- * The Legislative Branch is usually known as Congress
- * Bicameral Two Houses
 - **★** Senate
 - *House of Representatives

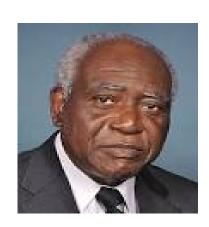


House of Representatives: 435 members

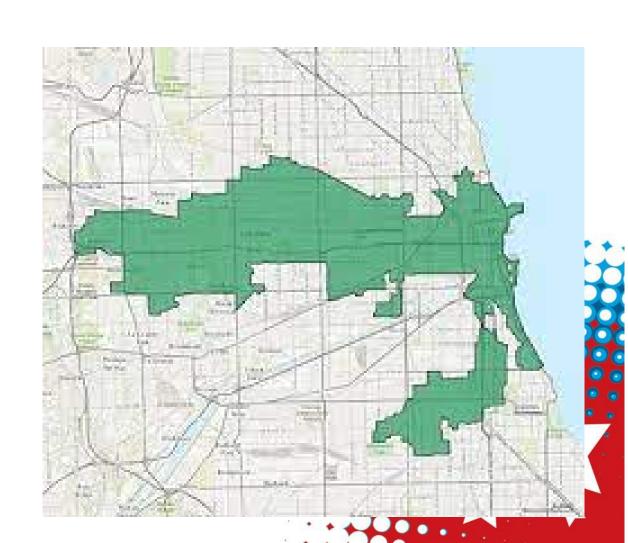
- ★ Serve 2 year terms
- * Must be at least 25 years old
- * Must be U.S. citizen for at least 7 years.
- * Must live in state you represent.
- *Directly elected by voters of a district.

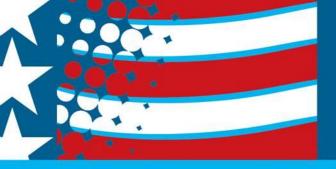


19th Congressional District



Representative Danny Davis





Senate-100 Members

- *Serve 6 year terms with staggered elections.
 - ★ 1/3 elected every 2 years.
- * Must be at least 30 years old.
- * U.S. citizen for 9 years.
- * Must live in state you represent.
- *Elected directly by voters of a state.



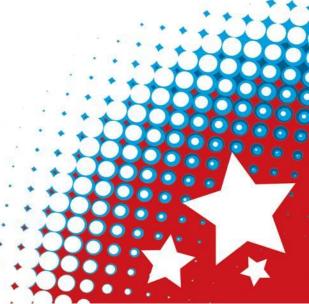
U.S. Senators from IL



The Honorable Tammy Duckworth



The Honorable Richard 'Dick" Durbin





Senate vs. House

Senate

"Upper Chamber" 100 members Approves treaties Approves presidential noominations Members are called senators Serve a six-year term Fixed number (2) of senators per state Serves as jury in impeachment trials

House

"Lower Chamber" Initiates revenue bills Members are called representatives Number of representatives is proportional to the population of the state Impeaches federal officials.



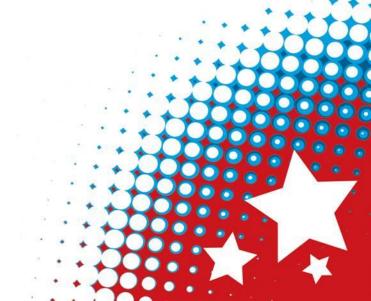
Powers of Congress

- * Expressed (delegated) Powers: stated clearly in the Constitution. The National Gov't can:
 - ★ Collect Taxes
 - ★ Impose tariffs (tax on imports)
 - ★ Coin money
 - * Establish Post Offices
 - * Declare war



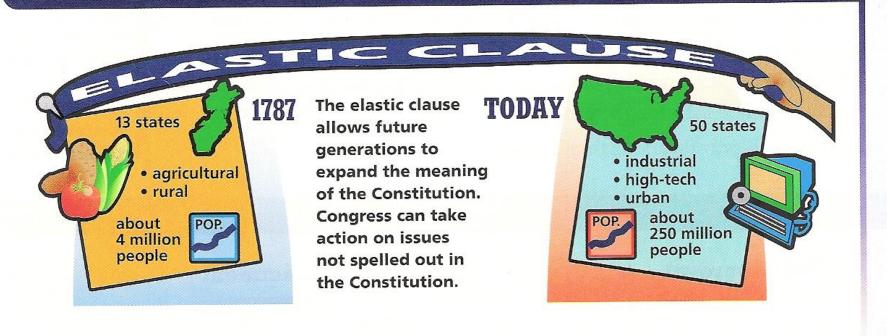
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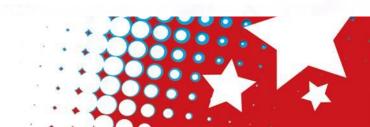
Implied Powers – necessary and proper clause or the "Elastic Clause".





A CLOSER LOOK The Elastic Clause







- Concurrent powers are shared by both the federal and state governments
- All powers NOT delegated, implied, or concurrent are considered RESERVED powers (set aside to the state)

A CLOSER LOOK Federalism

Americans live under both national and state governments.

NATIONAL POWERS

- Maintain military
- Declare war
- Establish postal system
- Set standards for weights and measures
- Protect copyrights and patents

SHARED POWERS

- Collect taxes
- Establish courts
- Regulate interstate commerce
- Regulate banks
- Borrow money
- Provide for the general welfare
- Punish criminals

STATE POWERS

- Establish local governments
- Set up schools
- Regulate state commerce
- Make regulations for marriage
- Establish and regulate corporations

SKILLBUILDER Interpreting Charts

What do you think is the purpose of dividing the powers between national and state governments?



Powers Denied Congress

- Cannot suspend writ of Habeas Corpus (speedy arraignment)
- Cannot pass bills of attainder (declare suspects guilty without a trial).
- Cannot make <u>ex post facto laws</u> (declares an act a crime after the act has been done).