

Comparing the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions

Similar Principle	Different Details	
	US Constitution	Illinois Constitution
Separation of Powers	L = <u>Congress</u> E = <u>President</u> J = <u>US Supreme Court</u> <u>US Appellate Court</u> <u>District</u> courts	L = _____ E = _____ J = State _____ State _____ _____ courts
Bicameral legislature	USHR = <u>435</u> members US Senate = <u>100</u> members US Reps = <u>2</u> yr terms US Senator = <u>6</u> yr terms	IL State House = _____ members IL State Senate = _____ members IL State Reps = _____ year terms IL State Senators = _____ yr
terms	Min. Age for US Rep = <u>25</u> Min. Age for US Senator = <u>30</u> <u>1/3</u> US Senate elected every two years	Min.Age for IL State Rep = _____ Min.Age IL State Senator = _____ _____ IL State Senate elected every two years
Executive Branch	Chief Executive = <u>President</u> Members = _____ <u>Vice-Pres</u> <u>Cabinet</u> (appointed)	Chief Executive = _____ Members = <u>President</u> _____ _____ _____ _____
	Chief Executive term limits = <u>2</u> full terms; <u>10</u> years total Min. Age for President = <u>35</u>	Chief Executive term limits = _____ limits on # of terms Min. Age for Governor = _____
Judicial Branch	Selection process = <u>appointed</u> Term of office = <u>life</u>	Selection process = _____ Term of office = _____ years

	# of Supreme Court justices = <u>9</u>	# of IL SC justices = _____
Checks and Balances	"E" veto time limit = <u>10</u> days	"E" veto time limit = _____ days
	Veto rules = <u>100%</u> (all / none)	Veto rules = "all" or "parts only"
both	"L" veto override = <u>2/3</u> 's of	"L" veto override = _____s of
Assembly	both branches of Congress	branches of General

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Amendment Process	Proposed by either: 1) <u>Congress</u> 2) <u>States</u> (2/3's)	Proposed by either: 1) G_____ A_____ 2) St. C_____ C_____
	Ratified by <u>states</u> (3/4's)	Ratified by IL _____ in a statewide R _____
Bill of Rights	Location: <u>added</u> to USC Amendments # <u>1-10</u>	Location: Cited in Article _____