

California's Legislative Branch

Two Houses

- Senate
 - 40 members in 40 districts organized regionally by population
 - 2 year terms
- Assembly
 - 80 members (2 per Senate district)
 - 2 year terms
- Must be 18 and a resident of the district to run for office

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Checks and Balances

- Make sure that the governor and executive branch officers over the operation of the State; nor does the legislature or the court system
- The court system assures that laws are upheld and legitimate