



TERMS AND VOCABULARY WORDS

AMENDMENT – A change or added statement to a document.

ANNEX - To add to one's own territory to form a larger country.

APPOINT - To name someone officially to an office.

BICAMERAL - Consisting of two houses; the Senate and House of Representatives.

BILL - A proposed law that is presented to Senators & Representatives to vote on.

CAPITOL - The building in which Senators & Representatives work and meet in.

CIVIC AFFAIRS - Issues relating to a citizen, a city, or citizenship.

CONSTITUTION - Laws of a nation or state that establish the powers of the government and guarantee certain rights to the people.

DEBATE - To discuss back and forth opposing arguments on a proposed law.

DEMOCRACY - A form of government in which the supreme power is given to the people.

DIVERSE - Differing from one another.

ELECTION - The process of voting to choose a person for office.

GODDESS OF LIBERTY - The statue that sits atop the dome of the Texas Capitol.

GOVERNOR - This person is the head of the state of Texas - Chief Executive.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - A body of 150 members in the Texas legislature.

JUDICIAL BRANCH - This branch of government has the power to interpret laws and consists of the courts.

LAW - A rule or procedure that is enforced by a specific authority.

LEADERSHIP - The act of directing others.

LEGISLATURE - This branch of government has the power to make laws.

PLEDGE - A promise or agreement that must be kept.

ROTUNDA - A round building or room, covered by a dome.

SENATE - A body of 31 members in the Texas legislature.

SUNSET RED TEXAS GRANITE - The type of material that the Texas Capitol's exterior walls are made of.

TERM - The length of time a person may serve in office once elected.

VOTE - A formal expression of one's opinion; you do this when you elect someone to office.