Minnesota
House of Representatives
Puzzle Book
Government Crossword

Use the clues below to fill in the puzzle with words about Minnesota government.

Across
5. An aye vote means _______.
6. A nay vote means _______.
7. Representatives & senators are part of this branch of government.
10. If the governor rejects a bill, he/she will _______ it. Then it will NOT become law.
11. An idea for a new law is called a _______.
13. You can _______ your legislator by phone or in writing.
15. The governor is part of which branch of government?

Down
1. How many branches are there in the Minnesota government?
2. Legislators in the Senate are called _______.
3. Legislators in the House are called _______.
4. Judges are in which branch of government?
8. Citizens over the age of 18 can cast their _______ on Election Day.
9. Highways, state parks, highway patrols & public schools are examples of state government _______.
12. The governor's signature turns a bill into a _______.
14. The government obtains money to pay for services through _______.
Matching

Match the sentences on the left with the correct answers on the right.

Minnesota has 67 of these legislators.  
governor

This person is the head of the state government.  
committee

Senators serve in this legislative body.  
judges

This city is the state’s capital.  
senators

Minnesota has 134 of these legislators.  
Senate

A group of legislators chosen to consider bills before sending them to the House or Senate.  
representatives

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St. Paul

These officials serve in the judicial branch.  
budget

This is the process of choosing a person to serve in the government by voting.  
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Minnesota Symbols Word Find

Find the hidden words for some of Minnesota’s symbols in the puzzle below.

The words may be forward, backwards, vertical or diagonal.

The words are listed at the bottom of the page.

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Minnesota Symbols

Flower: Lady Slipper
Grain: Wild rice
Nickname: North Star
Bird: Loon
Muffin: Blueberry muffin
Fish: Walleye
Tree: Norway Pine
Soil: Lester

Mushroom: Morel
Gem: Agate (Lake Superior)
Beverage: Milk
Sport: Hockey
Fruit: Honeycrisp
Butterfly: Monarch
Photograph: Grace
Unscrambling
Can you unscramble these state government words?

evot
etngrnoevm
vsescrei
xtsea
llbi
iertesdn
wal
teevixeuc
adiciujl
iesgltveila
ngovti
Making Words

Use the letters in the word “Minnesota” to make as many words as you can.

We found 86 words – can you find more?

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Breaking the Code

Can you solve each of these Capitol ciphers?
We’ve provided part of the answer key to get you started.

1. \(A=1, \ B=2, \ C=3, \ D=4 \ldots\)

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13-9-14-14-5-19-15-20-1 \quad 2-5-3-1-13-5 \quad 20-8-5 \quad 20-8-9-18-20-26-21-9-5-3-15-14 \quad 19-20-1-20-5
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9-14 \quad 5-9-7-8-20-5-5-14 \quad 6-9-6-20-25 \quad 5-9-7-8-20.
\]

2. \(A=x, \ B=y, \ C=z, \ D=a, \ E=b, \ F=c \ldots\)

\[
\text{teb zroobkq pqxqb zxfmqli txp abpdkba yv cxpp dfiyboq, xka yrflq fk 1905.}
\]

3. Circle every third letter to reveal the hidden message!

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\text{ANTgehlie ahsancsounmladpetthiuspruz ezl}"EF\text{Porryooulghorpeethsats yooeef njtoyhite ANSdtyuarvtiseit" }
\]

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\text{toiyos urcstoatmeccmapoitlnolliny sacinatplauillmeind netsohtae SOQloungafodmrowibyge!a.}
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If the committee approves the bill, it is sent back to the House for discussion & a vote.

If the bill wins a majority of the votes, it is sent to the Senate and the process begins again!

The Senate must also pass the bill.

If the House & Senate versions of the bill differ, the bills go to a conference committee.

The conference committee will work out the differences between the two versions of the bill.

The bill is sent to the Governor for review.

Both the House & the Senate must pass the bill again after it is approved by the conference committee.

If a bill is vetoed, the House & Senate can try to override the veto with a 2/3 majority vote.

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The bill becomes law and is given to the Secretary of State. How a Bill Becomes Law

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Minnesota became the thirty second state in eighteen fifty eight.

2. A=x, B=y, C=z, D=a, E=b, F=c ...
teb zroobkq paoq zefztj fop aegfikyax yv cppp dljiloq, xka yrtiq & 1905.

The current state capitol was designed by Cass Gilbert, and built in 1905.

3. Circle every third letter to reveal the hidden message!
ANTgehlle ahsancsounmladpetthiuaspruze zt"EFPomyouqhtpehthiy syoouef njoyhite ANSydtouansitseit"
tojos urcotaimecmnapoltmolliny sacintplaulmeim netsohtae SOQlounsafodrowbygela.

The sculpture “The Progress of the State” is commonly referred to as the Quadriga.