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.

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This person is the head of the state government.  committee

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This is a plan for how the state will receive and spend money during a certain time period.  House of Representatives
**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
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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 ...

2. A=x, B=y, C=z, D=a, E=b, F=c ...
teb zroobkq pqxqb zmfqli txp abpfdkba yv cxpp dfiyboq, xka yrfig fk 1905.

3. Circle every third letter to reveal the hidden message!
ANTgehlie ahsancsounmladpetthiuspruz ezi“EFPorryooulghorpeethsats youuef njtoyhite ANSdytoarvtiseit” toiyos urcstoatmecmapoitnolliny sacinatplauillmeind netsohtae SOQlounqafodrnrowibyge!a.
Someone has an idea for a law. The bill is introduced in the House. The bill is sent to a committee for discussion & changes.

The idea is written into a bill. 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 Governor can sign it into law or veto it.

If a bill is vetoed, the House & Senate can try to override the veto with a 2/3 majority vote. The bill becomes law and is given to the Secretary of State.
Government Crossword

Answers

Unscrambling

veto or vote
veto or vote
government
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services
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xtsea
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taxes
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resident
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law
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   Minnesota became the thirty second state in eighteen fifty eight.

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   9-14  5-9-7-8-20-5-5-14  6-9-6-20-25.
   The current state capitol was designed by Cass Gilbert, and built in 1905.

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

How a Bill Becomes Law

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3. The idea is written into a bill.
4. If the bill wins a majority of the votes, it is sent to the Senate and the process begins again.
5. The Senate must also pass the bill.
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8. The conference committee.
9. The bill becomes law and is given to the Secretary of State.

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