

House of Representatives	Senate
Requirements for Office	
At least 25 years of age	At least 30 years of age
Have been a citizen of the U.S. for at least 7 years	Have been a citizen of the U.S. for at least 9 years
Be an inhabitant of the State from which he/she is elected	Be an inhabitant of the State from which he/she is elected
Terms	
2 year term	6 year term
No constitutional limit on the number of terms any member of Congress may serve	

Who decides the election if neither presidential candidate wins a majority in the Electoral College?-House of Representatives

Roles of the President	
Chief of State	The ceremonial head of the government of the U.S., the symbol of all of the people in the nation, both reigns and rules
Chief Executive	Vested by the constitution with “the executive power” of the U.S., that power is immensely broad in both domestic and foreign affairs
Chief Administrator	The director of the huge executive branch of the federal government
Chief Diplomat	Main architect of the American foreign policy and the nation’s chief spokesman to the rest of the world
Commander in Chief	Commander of the nation’s armed forces
Chief Legislator	The principal author of the nation’s public policy, the president sets the overall shape of the congressional agenda-initiating, suggesting, requesting, insisting, and demanding that Congress enact most of the major pieces of legislation that it does
Chief of Party	The acknowledged leader of the political party that controls the executive branch
Chief Citizen	The president is expected to be “the representative of all the people”, he/she is expected to take the high road and champion the public interest against the many different and competing private interests

Presidential Succession Act of 1947-law specifying the order of presidential succession following the vice president (speaker of the house, president pro tempore of the senate, secretary of state, 14 other heads of the cabinet departments in order of each position’s precedence)

Goals of National Convention		
Naming the party’s presidential and vice-presidential candidates	Bringing the various factions and the leading personalities in the party together in one place for a common purpose (party unity)	Adopting the party’s platform

Who determines the President’s salary?-Congress

Flaws in the Electoral College		
The winner of the popular vote is not guaranteed the presidency	Electors are not required to vote in accord with the popular vote	Any election might have to be decided in the House of Representatives