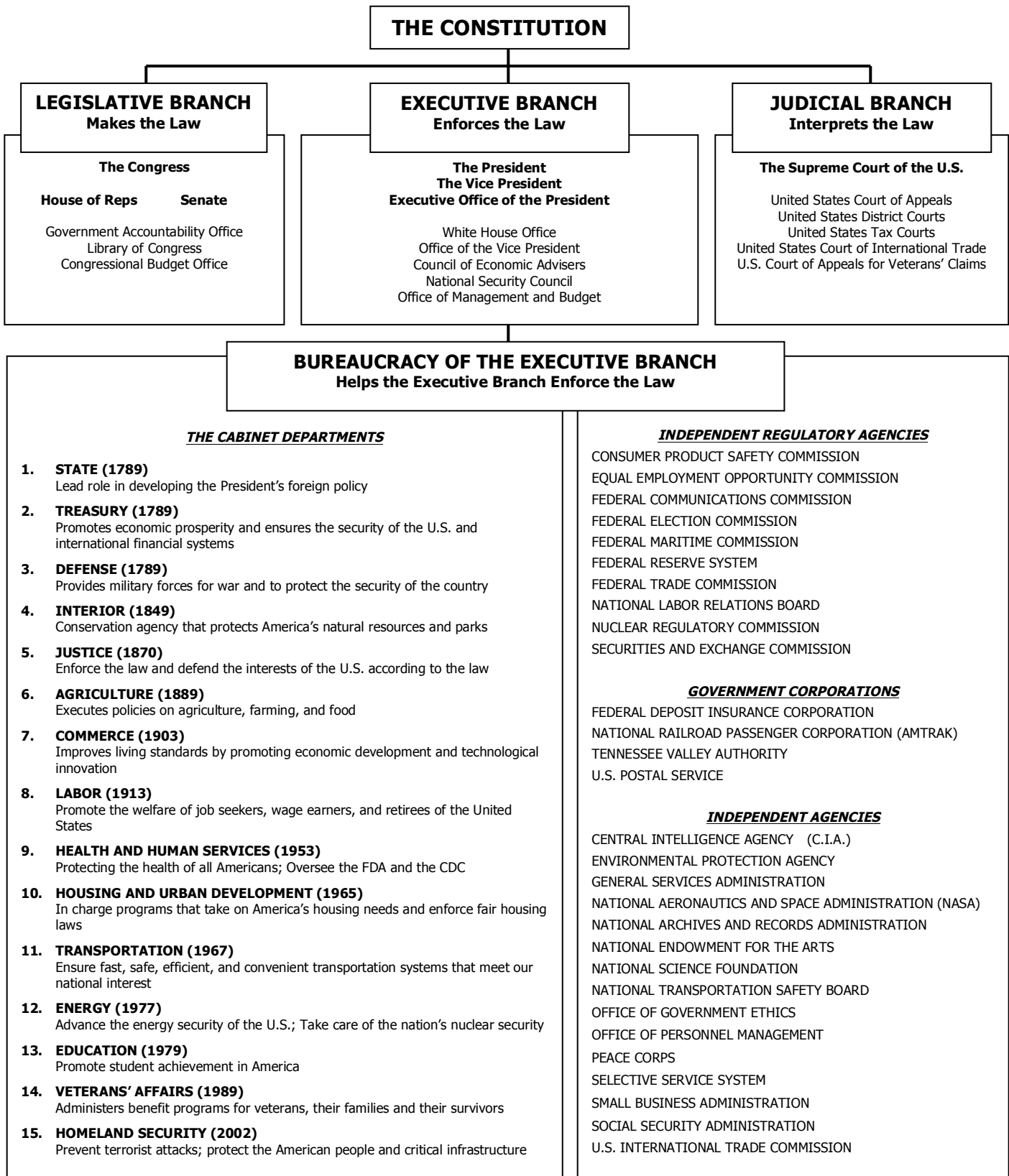


THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES



THE CONSTITUTION

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH Makes the Law

The Congress

House of Reps Senate

Government Accountability Office
 Library of Congress
 Congressional Budget Office

EXECUTIVE BRANCH Enforces the Law

**The President
 The Vice President
 Executive Office of the President**

White House Office
 Office of the Vice President
 Council of Economic Advisers
 National Security Council
 Office of Management and Budget

JUDICIAL BRANCH Interprets the Law

The Supreme Court of the U.S.

United States Court of Appeals
 United States District Courts
 United States Tax Courts
 United States Court of International Trade
 U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims

BUREAUCRACY OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH Helps the Executive Branch Enforce the Law

THE CABINET DEPARTMENTS

- 1. STATE (1789)**
Lead role in developing the President's foreign policy
- 2. TREASURY (1789)**
Promotes economic prosperity and ensures the security of the U.S. and international financial systems
- 3. DEFENSE (1789)**
Provides military forces for war and to protect the security of the country
- 4. INTERIOR (1849)**
Conservation agency that protects America's natural resources and parks
- 5. JUSTICE (1870)**
Enforce the law and defend the interests of the U.S. according to the law
- 6. AGRICULTURE (1889)**
Executes policies on agriculture, farming, and food
- 7. COMMERCE (1903)**
Improves living standards by promoting economic development and technological innovation
- 8. LABOR (1913)**
Promote the welfare of job seekers, wage earners, and retirees of the United States
- 9. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (1953)**
Protecting the health of all Americans; Oversee the FDA and the CDC
- 10. HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (1965)**
In charge programs that take on America's housing needs and enforce fair housing laws
- 11. TRANSPORTATION (1967)**
Ensure fast, safe, efficient, and convenient transportation systems that meet our national interest
- 12. ENERGY (1977)**
Advance the energy security of the U.S.; Take care of the nation's nuclear security
- 13. EDUCATION (1979)**
Promote student achievement in America
- 14. VETERANS' AFFAIRS (1989)**
Administers benefit programs for veterans, their families and their survivors
- 15. HOMELAND SECURITY (2002)**
Prevent terrorist attacks; protect the American people and critical infrastructure

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY AGENCIES

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
 FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
 FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
 FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
 FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
 NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
 NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK)
 TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (C.I.A.)
 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
 NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)
 NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
 OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS
 OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
 PEACE CORPS
 SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
 U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION