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## CHAPTER 10

### *Senate*



# Congress

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# California U.S. Senators - Democrats



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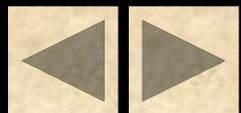
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# Size, Election, and Terms

- The Constitution says that the Senate “shall be composed of two Senators from each State.” Today’s Senate consists of 100 Senators.
- Originally, the Constitution provided that senators were chosen by the State legislatures.
- In 1912 the Seventeenth Amendment was passed and called for the popular election of senators.
- Senators serve for six-year terms.
- The Senate is a **continuous body**, meaning that all of its seats are never up for election at the same time.



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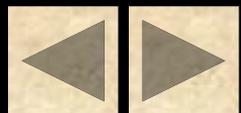
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# Qualifications for Senators

- The requirements for the U.S. Senate are higher than for the House of Representatives.
- The Constitution says that a Senator
  - (1) must be at least 30 years of age,
  - (2) must have been a citizen of the United States for at least nine years, and
  - (3) must be an inhabitant of the State from which he or she is elected.



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