

The 3 Branches of NC Government

Executive



WHAT: This branch carries out—or enforces—our state’s laws.

WHO:

Governor

(elected to 4-year terms by voters of entire state)

Council of State

Lieutenant governor and 8 other members (elected to 4-year terms by voters of entire state)

Cabinet

10 members, who run state agencies (appointed by the governor)

Legislative



WHAT: This branch makes laws for our state.

WHO:

General Assembly

- **House of Representatives**
120 members (elected to 2-year terms by voters in individual districts)
- **Senate**
50 members (elected to 2-year terms by voters in individual districts)

Judicial



WHAT: This branch interprets and evaluates our state’s laws.

WHO:

Supreme Court

7 justices (judges) (elected to 8-year terms by voters of entire state)

Court of Appeals

15 judges (elected to 8-year terms by voters of entire state)

Superior Courts

107 judges (elected to 8-year terms by voters in 48 districts)

District Courts

273 judges (elected to 4-year terms by voters in 41 districts)