

Attachment E: Legislative Branch

The General Assembly makes laws for Virginia

- approves biennial (two-year) budget;
- exercises power under the 10th amendment

Legislative powers

- Expressed (specifically listed)
- Implied (used to carry out expressed powers)

The Virginia lawmaking process

1. Working in committees
2. Debating on the floor
3. Voting on a bill by both houses
4. Signing the bill into law by the governor

- Elected officials write laws and take action in response to problems or issues.
- Individuals and interest groups help shape legislation.