

Electors

a group of delegates from each state who cast official votes for each state to elect the President and Vice President

Popular vote

votes cast by regular citizens on Election Day.

Electoral vote

votes cast by each state's electors

Electoral College

the group of electors from each state (Virginia has 13!)

**Winner-Take-All
System**

whoever wins the majority of votes in a state wins all the electoral votes from that state

**Election
Day**

the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. U.S. Presidential elections are held every four years.

Inauguration

the president is sworn into office. The next presidential inauguration will be January 20, 2017

Suffrage

**the right
to vote**

Congress

the U.S.
legislature, which
is the House of
Representatives
and the Senate

How many total
electors from all
states are in the
Electoral College?

538

How many
electoral votes
does a candidate
need to win the
presidency?

A majority of
270 electoral
votes to elect
the President

Delegate

a person given
authority to vote
for others; a
representative

House of
Representatives

the lower house
of the Legislature,
the United States
Congress

Senate

the upper
house of the
United States
Congress.

Elect

to choose
by voting

Democracy

government
that is run by
the people who
live under it

Franchise

the
constitutional
right to vote

Government

the group of
people in charge of
ruling or managing
a country, state,
city or other place

Poll

collects opinions
about important
issues or events

**Political
Party**

a group of people who
join together because
they share many
ideas about what
government should do

Polling place

a place where people come to cast their vote

How many Senators does Virginia have?

Every state has 2 Senate seats. Each of the 50 states elects 2 Senators. $2 \times 50 = 100$. There are 100 Senators.

How many Representatives does Virginia have?

Each state gets a proportional number of seats in the House of Representatives. Virginia has 11 seats.

Presidential Election

An election to choose a President and Vice President. The US has a presidential election every four years.