

# State Politics

vs.

# Federal Politics

LOCATION



State Legislators conduct their business in St. Paul. This is where their legislative offices are located; they have no offices within the district they represent.



Federal Legislators conduct their business in Washington D.C. While all official business takes place here, legislators also have offices in various locations within their home districts.

CONSTITUENCY



Everyone has one State Representative and one State Senator. In total there are 134 Representatives and 67 Senators, one Senator for every two Representatives.



Minnesota's congressional delegation consists of 8 Representatives and 2 Senators.

In total, there are 100 members of the U.S. Senate and 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

LEGISLATION



State legislators focus on issues directly affecting the state; examples of state law making include funding the school systems, funding

Minnesota health and human service programs and setting state tax policy.

Federal legislators concentrate on issues of national interests, such as Medicaid, federal tax policies, and national defense.



LEADERSHIP



The executive branch on the State level is run by the Governor of Minnesota. The Governor carries final veto power over all legislation that is brought to him by the legislative branch.

The executive branch, which is responsible for administering and executing laws passed by the legislative branch, is run by the President of the United States on the Federal level.



REPRESENTATION



Minnesota is split up into 67 legislative districts. Each district has one Senator to represent them and two Representatives, representing the A and B side of the district.

Federal Representatives represent a congressional district, while Federal Senators represent the entire State. There are a total of 8 Congressional districts.

