

# An Informed Voter

## Element #10 – Legislation – Working with the Legislator

### Objectives

- How to locate and communicate with your elected Oregon senators and representatives
- How to use the Oregon Legislative Information System to track bills
- How to identify and contact lobbyist

### Links

- Oregon State Legislature – <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov>
- Oregon Legislative Information System – <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021I1>
- The Capital Club – <https://www.oregoncapitolclub.org>

### Discussion

1. You can locate an Oregon State Senator or House member by;
  - a. Using the **Map**, or
  - b. **Name**, or
  - c. **District**
2. When using the Official Oregon State Legislature web site, you can find the following information for any address in Oregon;
  - a. State **Senator**
  - b. State **House** member
  - c. US **Congressional Representative**
3. The official email address for a state of Oregon Senator or House member should only be used for **Official** business.
4. The OLIS is used to track **Legislation**.
5. Legislation can be tracked by; **Number, Name** or Sponsor.
6. You can locate a lobbyist by using The **Capital** Club.
7. You can locate a lobbyist by Name, **Client** or **Industry**.

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## Element #11 – Who are the Elected? – Judicial Branch - Answers

### Objectives

- The three state wide court systems.
- Elected Judges term of office.
- The impact of the governor appointment process.

### Links

- Oregon Blue Book – <https://sos.oregon.gov/blue-book/Pages/state-judicial.aspx>

### Discussion

1. There are three Oregon State Wide Court Systems. They are:
  - a. **Circuit**\_\_\_\_\_ courts
  - b. Court of **Appeals**\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. **Oregon Supreme** Court
2. All Oregon elected judges serve or a **6** term, with no term limits.
  - a. All Oregon elected judges must retire at the age of **75**.
3. When an Oregon elected judge retires before their term is up, a replacement is appointed by the **Governor**.
4. Oregon is divided into **27** judicial districts with **177** elected judges.
  - a. Marion County is in Circuit Court District **3**.
  - b. Linn County is in Circuit Court District **23**.
  - c. Benton County is in Circuit Court District **21**.
5. Marion County Circuit Court has **15** judges.
6. Linn County Circuit Court has **5** judges.
7. Benton County Circuit Court has **3** judges.
8. The Oregon Court of Appeals is composed of **13** judges
9. The Oregon Supreme Court is composed of **7** judges.
10. Election of Oregon judges occurs in **May** and **November** of even numbered years.