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3.04 Alabama Constitution 1901

Answer the following questions as you review the information and videos from the lesson.

## I. It’s a Thick Book: Local Government and Home Rule

1. Define home rule.
2. What is Alabama’s procedure for making a bill into a law?
3. How does having the whole state vote on local issues limit local economic, social, and political initiatives?

## II. It’s a Thick Book: Taxation

1. Experts say it is important to balance the three kinds of tax. What are the three kinds of taxes?
2. Which group is hit the hardest by a regressive tax?
3. How does a sales-tax-based state economy “create serious problems”?
4. What creates proration and how does it affect school systems?
5. Why should public services be paid for with property taxes rather than sales taxes?
6. What is earmarking?

## III. Constitutional Reform Fill-in-the-Blank

1. The Alabama Constitution was written in      .
2. It is the longest constitution in the world with almost       amendments.
3. On April 7, 2000 the       (ACCR) was created in In Tuscaloosa to educate Alabamians on the problems with the current Alabama Constitution.
4. ACCR supports legislation to create a new state constitution due to several problems with the current Alabama Constitution including the lack of input by citizens on local issues, its crippling effect on economic development, and problems with       burdens on the poor and middle classes.
5. are private organizations that attempt to influence public policy.
6. Alabama has hundreds of special interest groups that can be categorized into one of two groups, interest groups that represent people in certain occupations and interest groups that represent      .
7. The       (AEA), the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA), and the Alabama Bar Association (ASB) are among the most powerful interest groups in Alabama that represent specific occupations or employees.
8. The amount of influence a special interest group in Alabama holds depends on several factors including the issues, the group’s size or membership, and its      .
9. The first method of influence special interest groups utilize is       or actively working to obtain votes for a specific candidate in an election.
10. Special interest groups usually form a       or (PAC) to legally contribute financial support to certain campaigns particularly elections for legislators, judges, and state executive positions.
11. The second method of influence special interest groups utilize is       or trying to influence legislators or other public officials to sway their opinions for or against legislation.
12. Special interest groups in Alabama actually hire **“**     **”** or firms that are hired to influence lawmakers.
13. The third method of influence special interest groups utilize is supporting or defending their members through      .