

Oklahoma has three branches of government. Each one has a special job. One branch is the legislative branch. It makes the laws in Oklahoma. There are two houses in the Oklahoma legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House has 101 members and the Senate has 48. When both houses pass a bill they send it to the Governor.

The Governor is the head of the executive branch. He can sign the bill and make it a law or he can veto it. If the Governor vetoes it, the bill goes

lack to the legislature. They can override the veto with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. The executive branch also has other officials and agencies that work together to help carry out the law.

The third branch is the judicial branch. This branch has two courts, the Supreme Court and the Court of Civil Appeals. The courts decide if the laws follow the constitution.

These three branches work together to make the government good in Oklahoma.

People in Oklahoma can participate in the government in many ways. They can

write letters to their representatives,  
attend meetings, put up signs,  
and help with political campaigns.

People over 18 can vote. People  
25 or older can run for the  
Senate. People 30 or older can  
run for governor. People can  
also serve as poll workers  
and donate money to help candidates  
and causes they support. Whatever  
age you are you can participate  
in the government.