

Virginia's Branches of Government

The government of Virginia is divided into three branches.

Executive

The governor heads the **executive branch** of the state government. The executive branch makes sure that state laws are carried out.



Mark Warner is the governor of Virginia

Judicial

The **judicial branch** is the state's court system. The judicial branch decides cases about people accused of breaking the law and whether or not a law agrees with Virginia's constitution.



The Supreme Court of Virginia is located in Richmond. There are also local courts found in each county.

Legislative

The General Assembly is the **legislative branch** of the Virginia government that makes state laws. It is divided into two parts—the Senate and the House of Delegates.



The General Assembly meets in the Capitol building in Richmond.