# Who Does What?

How town and state officials work with laws

**3.C.2** "Identify and explain the duties of and selection process for local and state government officials who make, implement, and enforce laws."

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline what each official does in the passage. Circle the words that tell how each official gets the job.

### Laws in Pine Creek

1. In Pine Creek, people notice trash beside the town playground. Voters elect town council members to make local laws. The council votes for a law that says people must put trash in bins at the playground. Voters also elect the mayor. The mayor puts the law into action by having town workers add more bins. Town police officers, hired by the town, enforce the law by giving warnings to people who drop trash.

2. School buses stop along busy roads. Voters elect state lawmakers, who make laws for the whole state. They pass a law telling drivers when to stop for a school bus. Voters elect the governor, who puts state laws into action by directing state workers to teach drivers about the law. State troopers, hired by the state police agency, enforce the law by stopping drivers who break it.

3. The council's law is local, so it covers the town playground. The bus law is a state law, so it covers roads across the state. People choose the council, mayor, state lawmakers, and governor in elections. Police officers and troopers are not chosen by voters. They are hired for their jobs. One group makes laws, another puts them into action, and police help make sure people follow them.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do town council members get their jobs, and what do they do about playground trash?

2. How do the mayor and town police officers get their jobs? How does each help with the playground law?

3. How are state lawmakers and the governor chosen? What does each do about the school bus law?

4. How do state troopers get their jobs, and how do they enforce the school bus law?

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

In Pine Creek, people want a new law that dogs must be on leashes near the playground. Write three sentences: tell who could make the law, who could put it into action, and who could enforce it. Tell how each gets the job.

**ANSWER KEY**

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## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what each official does in the passage. Circle the words that tell how each official gets the job. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
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| 1 | How do town council members get their jobs, and what do they do about playground trash? | **Voters elect them. They vote for a local law requiring people to put playground trash in bins.** |
| 2 | How do the mayor and town police officers get their jobs? How does each help with the playground law? | **Voters elect the mayor, who has workers add bins. The town hires police officers, who warn people who drop trash.** |
| 3 | How are state lawmakers and the governor chosen? What does each do about the school bus law? | **Voters elect both. Lawmakers pass the law, and the governor directs state workers to teach drivers about it.** |
| 4 | How do state troopers get their jobs, and how do they enforce the school bus law? | **The state police agency hires them. They stop drivers who break the law.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Voters elect town council members, who could make a leash law for the playground. Voters elect the mayor, who could put it into action by having workers post leash signs. The town hires police officers, who could enforce the law by warning people who let dogs run without leashes.

Accept other reasonable ways the mayor could put the leash law into action or town police could enforce it. Responses should distinguish elected officials from hired police officers.