

constitution

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the system of
laws in a country
that state the
rights of the
people and the
powers of the
government

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when a group of
people or nations
form an alliance,
agreeing to work
together for
common causes

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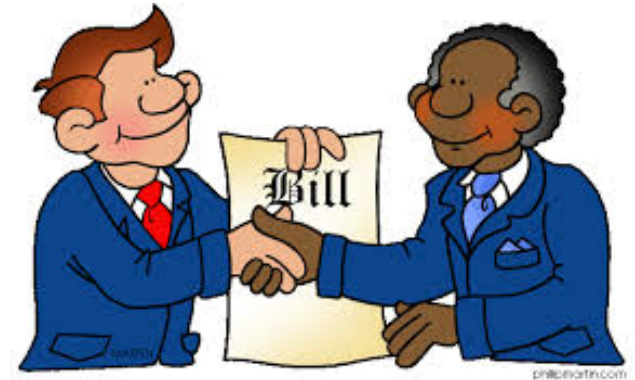
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a brief introduction
to a formal
document like a
bill, constitution,
or statute that
explains its
purpose

legislative

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having the
power to
create laws

executive

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having the
power to put
plans, actions,
or laws into
effect

judicial

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having the
power to
interpret the
law and
administer
justice

amendment

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a change
that is made
to a law or a
legal
document

petition

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a letter signed by many people asking those in power to change their policy or actions or telling them how the signers feel about a certain issue or situation

assembly

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a meeting
of lots of
people

check and balance

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a system that
allows each branch
of government to
veto acts of
another branch so
as to prevent any
one branch from
exerting too much
power

