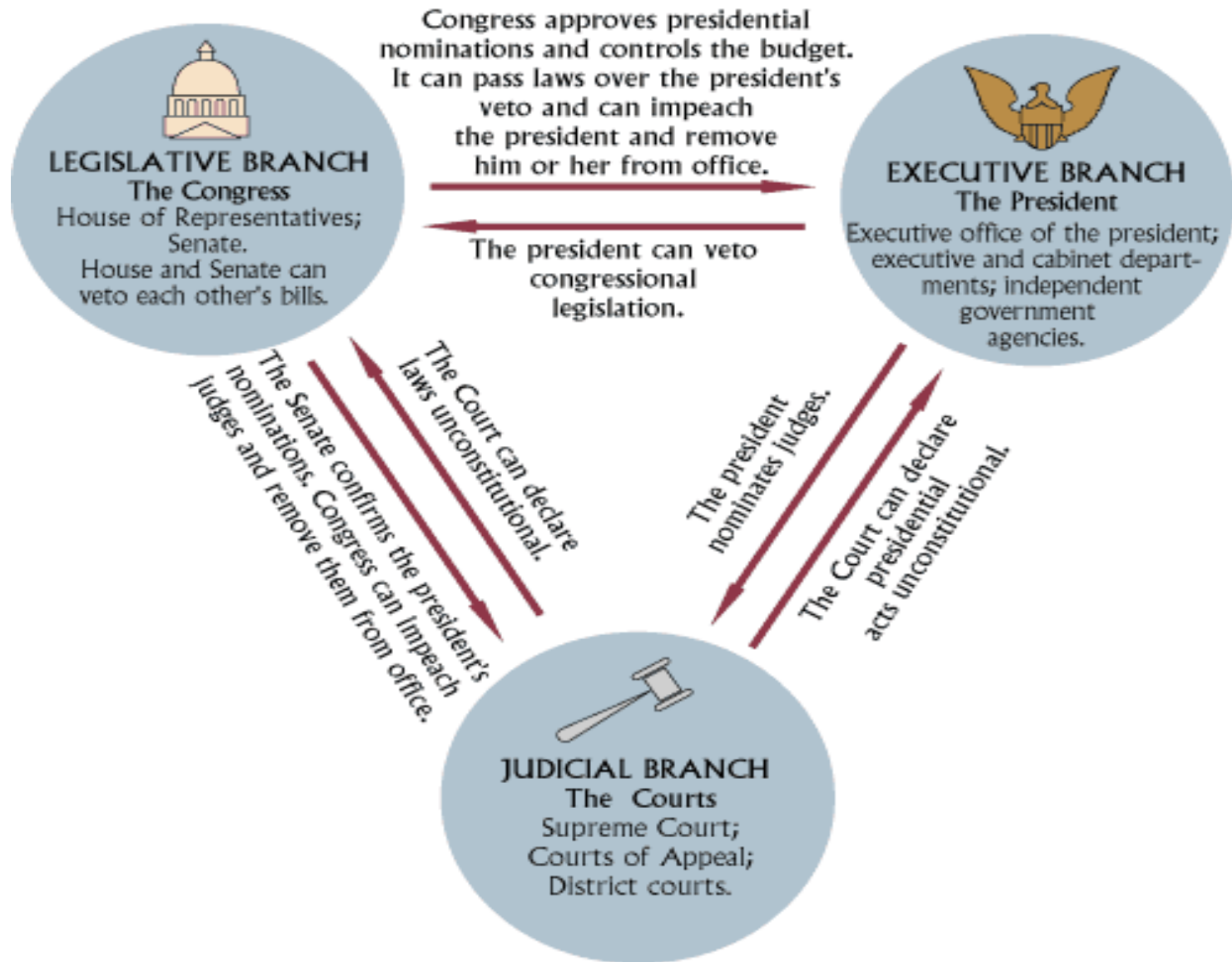


**THE
EXECUTIVE
BRANCH:
ENFORCER OF LAWS**

Our system of Checks and Balances:



The Executive Branch is headed by the President:

ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE	TERMS OF OFFICE
Native Born citizen At least 35 years old U.S. resident for 14 years	Serve 4 year terms No more than 2 terms or 10 years (extra years due VP replacement)

The order of Presidential **Succession** should he/she leave office:

1. Vice President
2. Speaker of the House of Representatives
3. The president *pro tempore* of the Senate (majority leader)
4. Members of the cabinet in the order in which the departments were created.

The President gets help from **Cabinet** positions:

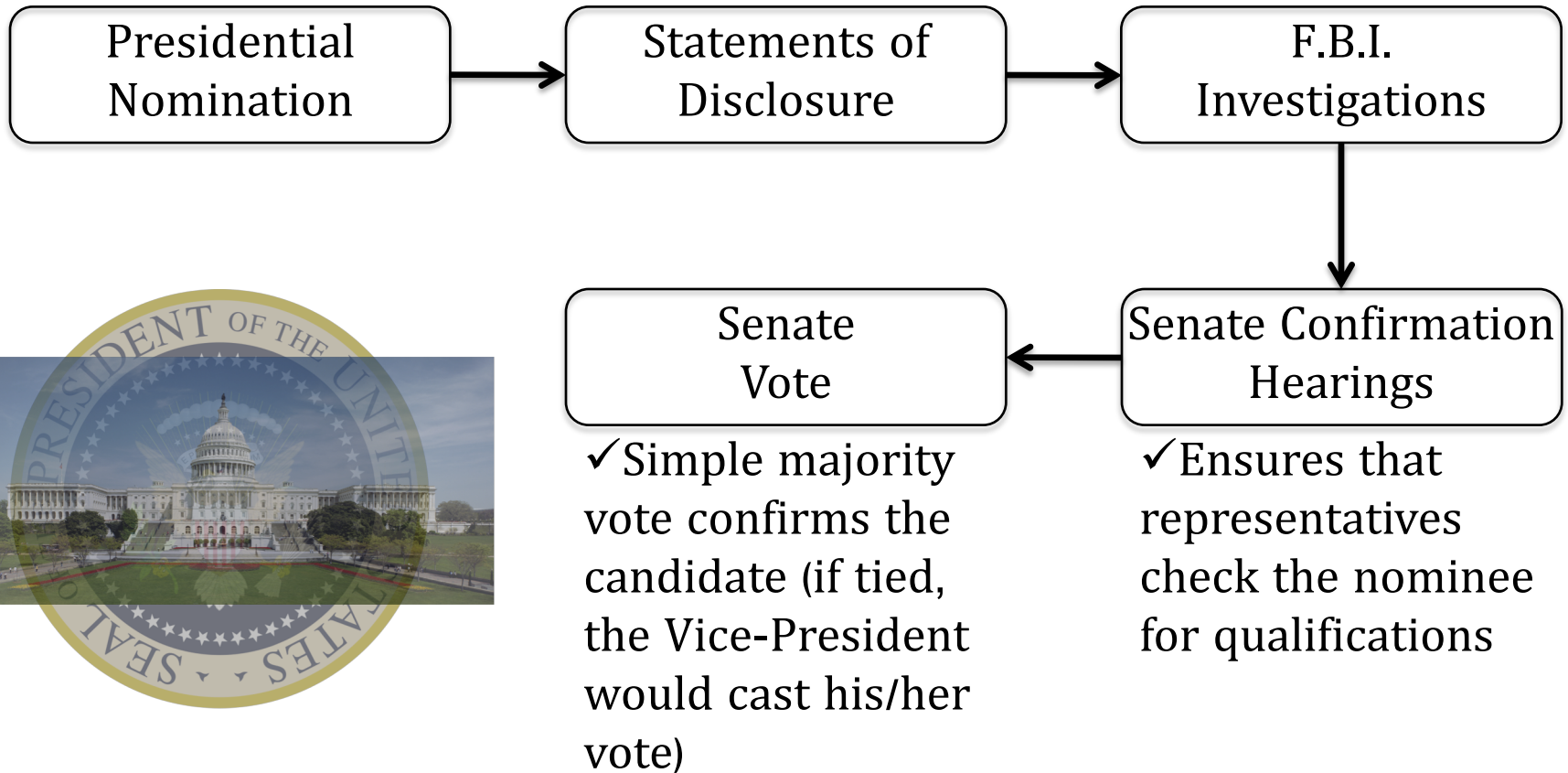
Executive Department	Leader of the Cabinet	Date Established and Department Focus
Department of State	Secretary of State	1789: Foreign policy and international relations
Department of the Treasury	Secretary of the Treasury	1789: Collect revenue (taxes), coining and printing money, and economic policy
Department of Defense	Secretary of Defense	1789: United States military and national defense
Department of Justice	Attorney General	Attorney General position was created in 1789: Law enforcement and prevention
Department of the Interior	Secretary of the Interior	1849: Protects the nation's national and cultural resources along with Native American relations
Department of Agriculture	Secretary of Agriculture	1889: Policy relating to farming, food safety, and hunger
Department of Commerce	Secretary of Commerce	1903: Economic development and policy
Department of Labor	Secretary of Labor	1913: Work safety, fair pay, unemployment insurance

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Executive Department	Leader of the Cabinet	Date Established and Department Focus
Department of Health and Human Services	Secretary of Health and Human Services	1953: Health policy, human services, and welfare services
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	1965: Increasing home ownership, community development, and access to affordable housing
Department of Transportation	Secretary of Transportation	1966: Oversee America's transportation system
Department of Energy	Secretary of Energy	1977: Address the nation's energy, environmental, and nuclear challenges
Department of Education	Secretary of Education	1979: Education policy and student loans
Department of Veteran Affairs	Secretary of Veteran Affairs	1988: Provide services and support to those who have served in the U.S. military
Department of Homeland Security	Secretary of Homeland Security	2002: National security, border management, Natural disaster support, and immigration

Before Cabinet positions can be filled, they need to go through the **Confirmation** process:



The Roles of the President:

HEAD OF STATE	COMMANDER IN CHIEF	CHIEF ENFORCER
Head of our government and symbol of leadership in America and the world	Leader of the Armed Forces of the United States to keep the country safe	Holds the executive power to issue a rule with the force of law and ensures all laws are enforced
AGENDA SETTER	ECONOMIC STEWARD	PARTY LEADER
Has the power to shape public policy and move the country in a certain direction	Held responsible for the health of the American economy	Top official of his/her party and works to get other members elected