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This book is the ninth edition of an anthology on state and local government. Beginning in 1984 with the first edition, the book has been designed for use in college courses on state and local government and in state and local government segments of courses on American government. The educational goal is to provide a collection of up-to-date articles that are informative and interesting to students exploring the area.

The 50 state governments and approximately 83,000 local governments in the United States have a great deal in common. They also exhibit remarkable diversity. Inevitably the contents of the book as a whole reflect this theme of commonality and diversity. Some of the selections treat individual states or localities in considerable detail. Other articles focus on particular aspects of more than one state or local government. Still other articles explicitly compare and contrast regions, states, or localities. Taken together, the selections provide an overview of similarities and differences among state and local governments in the United States.

Keeping the idea of similarities and dissimilarities in mind can help students who are beginning their study of state and local governments. In many state and local government courses, a home state or region is given special attention. In such courses, the theme of commonality and diversity can serve to highlight what is and is not typical about that home state or region.

Since Republican Newt Gingrich became Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1995, intergovernmental relations in the United States have received sustained attention. The 104th Congress, which had Republican majorities in both houses, passed a variety of laws that made the states more important and more autonomous actors in the American federal system. The unfunded mandates bill (H.R. 5), signed into law by President Clinton early in 1995, is one such measure. The welfare reform act of mid-1996, which ended some entitlements of welfare recipients that had been guaranteed since the 1930s, shifted much responsibility for deciding and implementing welfare policies from the national government to the states. Taking their turn in this process of devolution, some state governments have shifted increased responsibilities to their local governments.

The book is divided into seven units. Unit 1 is devoted to several eighteenth- and nineteenth-century commentaries on American federalism and state and local governments. Unit 2 treats relations among national, state, and local governments. Unit 3 covers elections, political parties, interest groups, referendum, and related matters, and pays considerable attention to unusual features of state and local "linkages." Unit 4 turns to government institutions. Metropolitan areas, in which cities,

suburbs, and county governments coexist, provide the subject matter for unit 5, while unit 6 is devoted to revenues, expenditures, and economic development. Unit 7 concludes the book with an examination of service delivery issues and policy issues facing state and local governments.

The book generally groups articles treating particular aspects of the governing process, be it state or local government, in the same units or sections. For example, unit 4 covers government institutions at both state and local levels, with sections treating state and local legislatures, executives, courts, and ethics and administration, respectively. Unit 5, which mainly treats metropolitan areas, is an exception to this rule in that it focuses primarily on issues involving local governments.

Deciding what articles to use in this revised edition of *Annual Editions: State and Local Government* was not an easy task. I tried to assess articles according to significance and relevance of subject matter, readability for students, and utility for stimulating students' interest in state and local government. Potential selections were evaluated not only as they stood alone, but also as complements to other likely selections. I want to thank the Advisory Board members who provided detailed critiques of the eighth edition of *Annual Editions: State and Local Government* as well as suggestions for improvements to the ninth edition. I would also like to thank Taren Stinebrickner-Kauffman for the capable research assistance she provided.

The next edition of this book will bring another opportunity to make changes. State and local government is a particularly diverse field of study, and numerous newspapers and regional magazines across the country carry articles that might be suitable for use. I earnestly solicit reactions to this book as well as suggestions of articles for use in the next edition. In other words, readers are cordially invited to become advisors and collaborators in future editions by completing and mailing the postpaid article rating form at the end of this book.



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Editor

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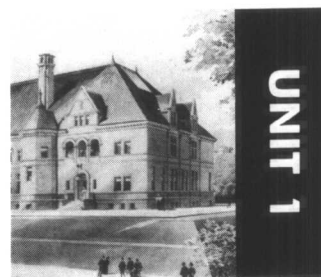
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1. **The Federalist, No. 17**, Alexander Hamilton, *The Federalist Papers*, 1787. iv
Alexander Hamilton identifies a number of factors that makes it most unlikely that the **national government** will become too powerful in the proposed new **federal system of government**. 2
2. **The Federalist, No. 45**, James Madison, *The Federalist Papers*, 1788. 4
James Madison writes that the authority of **state governments** will not be endangered by the central government in the new **federal system**. He argues that history, the nature and role of state governments, and the relatively few powers delegated to the national government in the Constitution support his conclusion. 6
3. **Nature of the American State**, James Bryce, *The American Commonwealth*, 1888. 8
After noting that there is considerable **diversity** among the states, James Bryce focuses on factors that promote uniformity among them. He also discusses the constitutional and legal standing of the states within the context of American **federalism**. 10

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4. **Judicial Federalism: The Resurgence of the Supreme Court's Role in the Protection of State Sovereignty**, Charles Wise, *Public Administration Review*, March/April 1998. 18
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5. **The Devil in Devolution**, John D. Donahue, *The American Prospect*, May/June 1997. 24
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6. **Power Grab**, Eliza Newlin Carney, *National Journal*, April 11, 1998. 30
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UNIT 1

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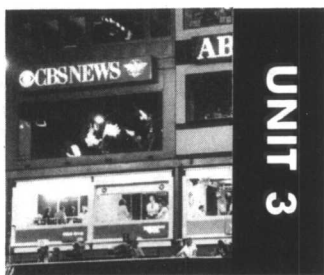
Three selections provide historical perspectives on federalism and on state and local governments in the United States.



UNIT 2

Intergovernmental Relations

Five selections discuss relations among national, state, and local governments in the three-tier system of government in the United States.



Linkages between Citizens and Governments

Eleven articles explore various mechanisms that are supposed to help make state and local governments responsive to citizens: elections, political parties, lobbying, media, referenda, initiatives, and so forth.

7. **Devolution: Part II?** Scott Mackey, *State Legislatures*, April 1998. 34
Amidst the considerable attention currently being paid to **devolution** of power from the national government to the states, Scott Mackey considers whether **state governments** should devolve more power and responsibility to their **local governments**.
8. **Whose Schools?** Charles Mahtesian, *Governing*, September 1997. 37
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10. **The Cost of Winning**, Thad L. Beyle, *State Government News*, April 1996. 45
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11. **Reform beyond the Beltway: States as Laboratories of Clean Money**, Robert Dreyfuss, *The American Prospect*, May/June 1998. 50
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12. **My Life as a School Board Candidate: Lessons Learned in Local Politics**, Allen D. Hertzke, *Extensions*, Spring 1994. 56
Allen Hertzke reports five lessons that he learned from unsuccessfully running for election to his **local school board**.

B. INTEREST GROUPS, NEW TECHNOLOGY, AND NEWS MEDIA

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14. **The Asphalt Rebellion**, Alan Ehrenhalt, *Governing*, October 1997. 63
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15. **The Clamor of the Brave New World**, Garry Boulard, *State Legislatures*, May 1998. 68
Garry Boulard describes the issues that the **electronic mail** onslaught poses for **state legislators** and for **representative democracy** as we know it.

16. **Local News: The Biggest Scandal on TV**, Steven D. Stark, *The Washington Monthly*, June 1997. 73

Local news on **television** is too entertainment-oriented, argues Steven Stark. It fails to provide the sort of information and analysis about state and local governments that viewers need in order to be well-informed citizens.

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17. **California, Here We Come**, Peter Schrag, *The Atlantic Monthly*, March 1998. 77

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18. **Direct Democracy Works**, Charles M. Price, *State Government News*, June/July 1997. 81

Charles Price argues that **initiatives** are consistent with the most fundamental essence of democracy and that they work well.

19. **Unmasking the Tax Crusaders**, Daniel A. Smith, *State Government News*, March 1998. 83

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21. **Cleaning Up the Process**, Brenda Erickson, *State Legislatures*, January 1998. 90

Brenda Erickson identifies a number of factors that have led to recent **changes** in the way **state legislatures** function.

22. **Living within the Limits**, Karen Hansen, *State Legislatures*, June 1997. 93

Karen Hansen reports that 20 states have adopted **term limits** for their **state legislators**. She addresses the background and implications of the term limit movement.

23. **Quorumbusters**, Charles Mahtesian, *Governing*, November 1997. 100

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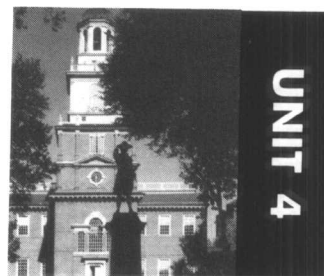
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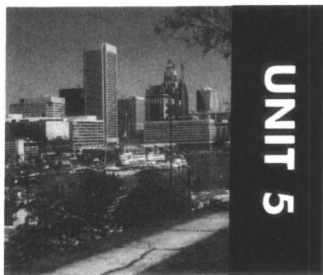
25. **It Pays to Know Where the Bodies Are Buried**, Alan Ehrenhalt, *Governing*, June 1998. 104

Alan Ehrenhalt identifies six of the **best contemporary American governors** and notes that each previously had a wealth of **experience** in state and local government.



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27. **The Welfare Risk-Taker**, Ellen Perlman, *Governing*, December 1997. 110
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30. **Opening the Doors on the Family Court's Secrets**, Joe Sexton, *New York Times*, September 13, 1997. 118
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32. **Reinventing Government—Not Easy, but Possible**, Ronald K. Snell, *State Legislatures*, February 1998. 123
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33. **How a State Becomes Popular with Insurers—But Not Consumers**, Scot J. Paltrow, *Wall Street Journal*, January 14, 1998. 127
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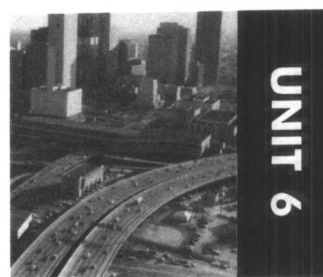
34. **Business Flees to the Urban Fringe**, Christopher B. Leinberger, *The Nation*, July 6, 1992. 132
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35. **Can Cities Escape Political Isolation?** Karen M. Paget, *The American Prospect*, January/February 1998. 136
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36. **Who Pays for Sprawl?** Phillip J. Longman, *U.S. News & World Report*, April 27, 1998. **145**
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37. **Good Government, Bad Government**, Alan Ehrenhalt, *Governing*, April 1995. **147**
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45. **Don't Tread on My Tax Rate**, Elinor Burkett, *New York Times Magazine*, April 26, 1998. 174

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47. **The New Urban Gamble**, David Barringer, *The American Prospect*, September/October 1997. 182

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48. **Wild about Convention Centers**, Lawrence Tabak, *The Atlantic Monthly*, April 1994. 188

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52. **Charter Schools Learn a Few Lessons**, Charles Mahtesian, *Governing*, January 1998. 209

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53. **More for Less**, Jack Tweedie, *State Legislatures*, March 1998. 212

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54. **In Idaho, the Poor Fear They Will Go the Way of State's Democrats**, Timothy Egan, *New York Times*, April 16, 1998. 217

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55. **When States Spend More**, Richard Rothstein, *The American Prospect*, January/February 1998. 220

Richard Rothstein explores the circumstances under which states and localities have been **spending more on public schooling** and the consequences of such increases. He concludes that there have been positive effects in this policy area.

56. **I'll Stand Bayou**, Joe Loconte, *Policy Review*, May/June 1998. 228

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The following World Wide Web sites have been carefully researched and selected to support the articles found in this reader. If you are interested in learning more about specific topics found in this book, these Web sites are a good place to start. The sites are cross-referenced by number and appear in the topic guide on the previous two pages. Also, you can link to these Web sites through our DUSHKIN ONLINE support site at <http://www.dushkin.com/online/>.

The following sites were available at the time of publication. Visit our Web site—we update DUSHKIN ONLINE regularly to reflect any changes.

General Sources

1. Alliance for Redesigning Government

<http://www.alliance.napawash.org/alliance/index.html>

This site allows the visitor to hypothetically reinvent federal, state, and local government by using basic concepts, actual cases, available resources, and contacts with practitioners.

2. Government on Line

<http://www.gol.org/>

An information service that links state and local government to the information technology industry. Provides summary information about successful programs.

3. State and Local Government on the Net

<http://www.yahoo.com/>

Search individual states for elected officials, state government jobs, state organizations, and other links to local government sites. Click on Regional, then U.S. States.

Early Commentaries

4. Anti-Federalist Papers

<http://www.constitution.org/afp/afp.htm>

The Anti-Federalist Papers on this home page of the Constitution Society have been collated by Morton Borden in response to growing concern that noncompliance with the U.S. Constitution and state constitutions is creating a crisis of legitimacy threatening to freedom and civil rights.

5. The Federalist Papers Online

<http://www.mcs.net/~knautzr/fed/fedpaper.html>

This site contains the full text of all 85 essays as well as The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution, complete with the Bill of Rights and all the Amendments.

Intergovernmental Relations

6. Congress

<http://congress.org/>

This site allows users to access a reliable directory of information about the members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

7. Council of State Governments

<http://www.csg.org/>

This important resource is dedicated to promoting state solutions regionally and nationally. From it you can access the federalism plan of states' leaders, court victories in federalism, other proposals, and other Web resources.

8. National Center for State Courts

<http://ncsc.dni.us/>

Click here to find the latest news about state courts and the best court and court-related Web sites.

9. Supreme Court/Legal Information Institute (LII)

<http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html>

Open this site for current and historical information about the Supreme Court. The LII archive contains many opinions issued since May 1990 as well as a collection of nearly 600 of the most historical decisions of the Court.

Linkages between Citizens and Governments

10. Council for Ethics in Legislative Advocacy

<http://www.lobbyistdirectory.com/indxcela.htm>

CELA advocates a nationally uniform standard of ethics in the lobbying industry. From this site visit Ethics in the News and the National Lobbyist Directory home page.

11. Direct Democracy Center

<http://www.primenet.com/~conduit/>

In response to voter apathy, this organization offers a site on the Web for free and open discussion of direct democracy as an alternative to our present form of government.

12. PEJ Local TV News Project

<http://www.journalism.org/LocalTV.htm>

The Project for Excellence in Journalism has created this news project to clarify the definition of quality in local television news. Find out how the project will work and its goals, and contribute your own thoughts.

13. U.S. Federalism Web Site

<http://www.min.net/~kala/fed/edemocr.htm>

This site concerns federalism and electronic democracy and contains many links to direct democracy and other citizen-power sites.

Government Institutions and Officeholders

14. Americans Back in Charge Foundation

<http://www.abic.org/>

Everything you need to know about the term limits movement both nationally and at the state level is available at this site, including a study of the effects of term limits on members of the California legislature, which you will find here.

15. Center for the American Woman in Politics

<http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~cawp/cawpfs.html>

At this site of CAWP you can find full-text fact sheets on everything from women in elective office 1998 to statewide elective executive women. Includes a gender gap fact sheet and a site on sex differences in voter turnout.

16. Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation

<http://www.clearhq.org/>

CLEAR is an association of individuals, groups, and agencies that is a forum for improving the quality and understanding of regulation in order to enhance public protection. CLEAR's Web site has links to other resources.

17. EMILY's List of Women in State Legislatures

http://www.emilyslist.org/news/st_legis/ak.htm

Here is a state-by-state list of women in state legislatures. Site also contains What's New, Survey, and Feedback.

18. National Conference of State Legislatures

<http://www.ncsl.org/index.htm>

This rich mine contains Legislative Policy Issues, Internet Links, About State Legislatures, State-Federal Relations, and more.

19. NGA Online

<http://www.nga.org/>

The National Governor's Association and the NGA Center for Best Practices are joined at this excellent site. Navigate through The Organization, The Governors, News and Information, Key State Issues, and a Site Index. What's New and Noteworthy appears on the first page.

Cities and Suburbs, Counties and Towns

20. ICMA: International City/County Management Association

<http://www.icma.org/othersites/othersites.cfm/>

The list of Web sites offered here by ICMA may be of interest to local governments. Included subjects are: Communications, Economic Development, Housing Resources, Human Resources, Public Safety, Public Works, and Technology.

21. Innovation Groups

<http://www.ig.org/>

IG is a network of top cities and local government leaders that provides support to pioneer new approaches to managing cities. The group provides networking, research, and training opportunities to local governments.

22. National Association of Counties

<http://www.naco.org/links/counties.htm>

The National Association of Counties offers this entry into county government sites by state.

23. National League of Cities

<http://www.nlc.org/>

The NLC Web site leads to Legislative Priorities, Local Government Access, Policy Process, News and Events, Other Resources, and a search capability.

Finances and Economic Development

24. Assessor.com

<http://www.assessor.com/>

This is a primary site for understanding the property tax and what it means to householders. There are useful links to local assessment sites in every state, independent resources, and professional and educational organizations, including the Lincoln Institute of Land & Policy.

25. Economic Development Administration

<http://www.doc.gov/eda/edaindex.htm>

This Department of Commerce site links to current fact sheets, the year 2000, regulations and notices, and contacts and resources, all helpful to understanding state and local economic development issues.

26. Good Things Lotteries Do

<http://www.gtech.com/good.htm> @DESC = Here is the site that sets out the good things lotteries do for the government: 35 percent of lottery proceeds help finance education, health, and public works projects.

27. National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)

<http://www.nado.org/othlinks.htm>

An excellent site, called "the economic development community's tool box on the World Wide Web," has pages of links that connect to every national, state, and local government resource, to a host of independent agencies, and to other economic and community development resources, including grant-giving foundations, university centers, rural development groups, state transportation sites, and public interest groups.

28. National Council for Urban Economic Development (CUED)

<http://CUED.org/CUED/>

This organization for public sector economic development links urban site selectors, economic development practitioners, and researchers to useful information about industrial parks, tax rates, local leadership, climate, and other pertinent information for local economies that are seeking economic development assistance.

Service Delivery and Policy Issues

29. American Public Transit Association

<http://www.apta.com/>

This site has information about every aspect of transportation and excellent links to federal and state agencies and organizations that deal with transportation issues, including links to all state departments of transportation.

30. COPS Home Page

<http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/index.html>

This home page of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is dedicated to helping communities fight crime by putting 100,000 additional officers on America's street and by promoting community policing strategies nationwide.

31. American Bar Association Juvenile Justice Center

<http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/juvjus/links.html>

From this site it is easy to access information about juvenile justice and other youth-related information. Crime statistics, advocacy tips, and legal resources are available here.

32. CECJ Juvenile Justice Links

<http://www.air-dc.org/cecp/links/jj.html>

Fact sheets and articles on juvenile justice issues, such as violent juvenile offenders, delinquency programs, and youth-oriented anti-crime programs, are available here along with links to the U.S. Department of Justice.

33. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/outreach/stateleg/bac.htm>

The State Legislative Fact Sheet contains information on blood alcohol concentrations (BAC) and driving a motor vehicle.

34. U.S. Charter Schools

<http://www.uscharterschools.org/>

All you might need to know about charter schools is available at this page, including Starting & Running a Charter School, Resource Directory and Links, State Information & Contacts, Charter School Profiles, and Search for Information.

We highly recommend that you review our Web site for expanded information and our other product lines. We are continually updating and adding links to our Web site in order to offer you the most usable and useful information that will support and expand the value of your Annual Editions. You can reach us at: <http://www.dushkin.com/annualeditions/>.

Unit Selections

1. **The Federalist, No. 17**, Alexander Hamilton
2. **The Federalist, No. 45**, James Madison
3. **Nature of the American State**, James Bryce

Key Points to Consider

- ❖ How does the picture of local governments provided by Bryce compare with American local governments today?
- ❖ Do you think that the observations of Hamilton, Madison, and Bryce are out of date by now? Why or why not?
- ❖ Students of politics frequently refer to the “historic” writings of Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and others. Selections in this section are examples of early or historic writings on American politics. Why do you think that those who study politics so often look to the classics, even centuries after they were first written?
- ❖ Do you find the arguments and logic of *Federalist* No. 17 and No. 45 persuasive? Can you detect any flaws or mistakes?
- ❖ Which author do you find most interesting and helpful—Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, or James Bryce? Why?



Links

www.dushkin.com/online/

4. **Anti-Federalist Papers**
<http://www.constitution.org/afp/afp.htm>
5. **The Federalist Papers Online**
<http://www.mcs.net/~knautzr/fed/fedpaper.html>

These sites are annotated on pages 4 and 5.