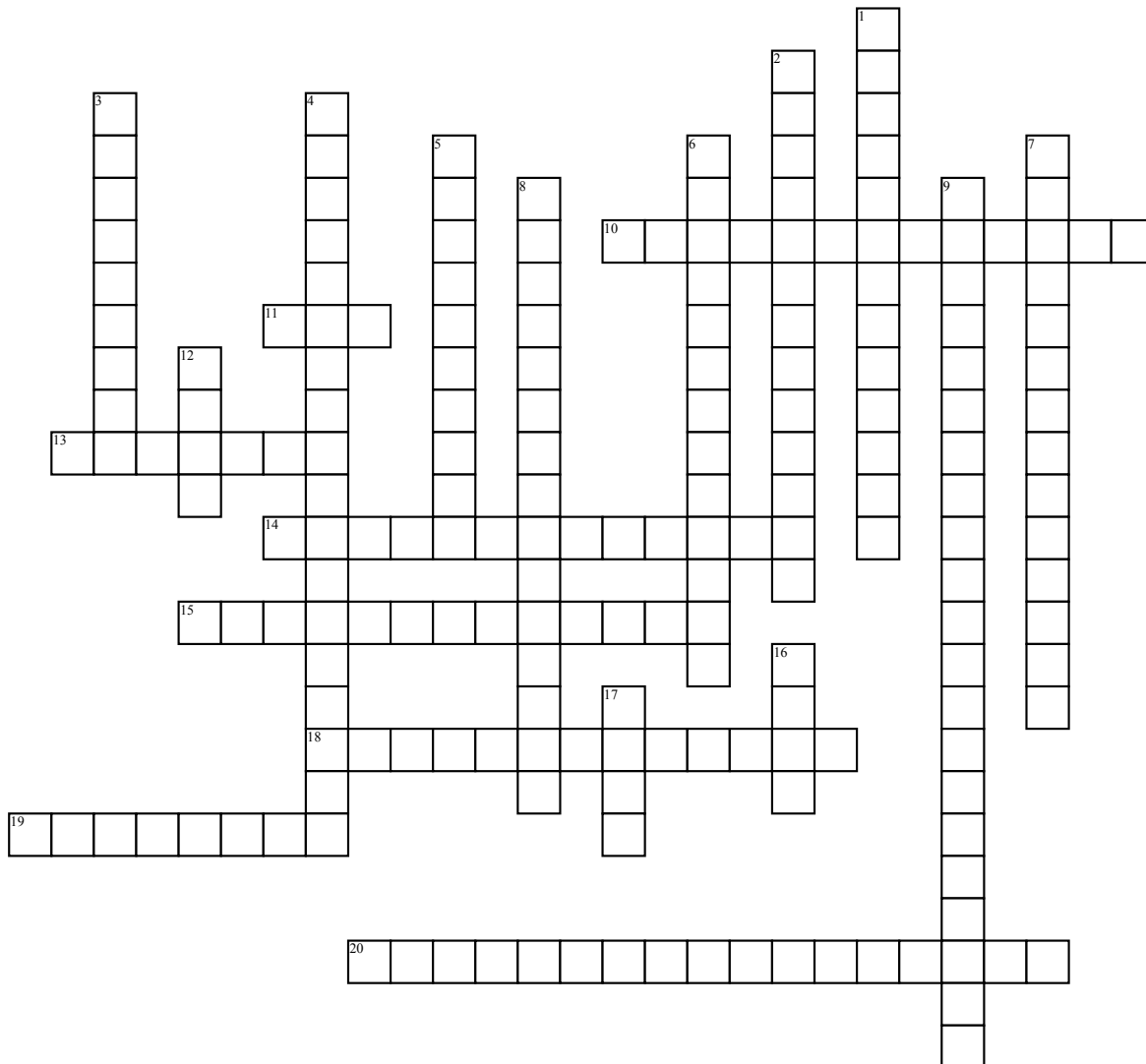


Legislative Vocab



Across

10. political party with fewest members in each house

11. When a bill is passed through both houses of Congress and signed by the President it becomes a rule that must be obeyed by all.

13. A procedure for ending debate, especially filibusters, in the Senate. A cloture vote requires 3/5 of the Senate.

14. Distribution of representatives among the states based on the population of each state

15. people hired by private groups to influence government decision-makers

18. When a bill is introduced in both the House and the Senate at the same time, to make the process of becoming a law faster.

19. sessions at which a committee listens to testimony from people interested in the bill

20. Presiding officer in the House of Representatives -- assigns members to committees, schedules debates, breaks ties.

Down

1. The redrawing of congressional and other legislative district lines following the census, to accommodate population shifts and keep districts as equal as possible in population.

2. the political party in each house of Congress with the most members

3. Two-houses in a legislature

4. government projects and grants that benefit the home district or state

5. tactic for defeating a bill in the Senate by talking until the bill's sponsor withdraws it

6. a person a member of Congress has been elected to represent

7. Process of redrawing legislative boundaries for the purpose of benefiting the party in power.

8. the process of reassigning representation based on population, after every census

9. an organization of people with some common interest who try to influence government decisions

12. the power or right to prohibit or reject a proposed or intended act

16. A proposed law presented to a legislative body for consideration

17. A stall tactic in the Senate -- when a senator asks the majority leader not to schedule a vote on a bill.