

TABLE 3.1**U.S. Congress and the Texas Legislature: A Comparison**

	U.S. Congress		Texas Legislature	
Characteristic	U.S. Senate	U.S. House	Texas Senate	Texas House
Size of chamber	100	435	31	150
Term in office	6 years	2 years	4 years	2 years
Staggered terms	Yes	No	Yes	No
Minimum age for election	30	25	26	21
Resident of state	Yes	Yes	5 years	2 years
Resident of district	N/A	No	1 year	1 year