government vocabulary

Across
3. A unit of local government- a village, town, or city
5. Info. spread widely in order to promote or discourage a particular proposal or political point of view
11. Revising the legislative district boundaries based on population numbers
13. The system through which a community is organized; it is empowered to make, enforce, and carry out laws and procedures.
15. Political power given to political subdivisions to govern their own affairs
16. A serious crime, like murder and armed robbery
17. A group of citizens who hear evidence to indict a person for a crime
18. Amounts charged citizens by their governments( federal, state, and local) to support governments and the services they provide
20. A less serious crime, like speeding
21. The division of power between the federal and state governments.
22. To attempt to influence legislators about issues
23. The primary local government division in Louisiana
24. A document of a government that explains its purpose, describes its organization, and states its powers
25. A division of powers among the three branches of government, with all branches sharing power and none being authorized to function without the other two
26. A panel of twelve citizens who serve for six months and, after listening to the district attorney, decide if there is enough evidence to indict a person for a crime

Down
1. The legal term for gambling
2. A system of law that uses earlier decisions - called precedents as guidelines; it shaped the criminal laws adopted in Louisiana
4. An organization of people who come together because they have shared ideas about how government should operate
7. Louisiana's form of elections, in which all candidates, no matter their political party, complete in the first (or primary) election and voters can vote for any candidate, regardless of party; then the two candidates with the most votes advance to a runoff election
8. The document, written in 1787 and ratified in 1788, that set up our nation's current framework for government
9. An amount charged charged for removing natural resources- such as timber, oil, and gas- from the state; based on the idea that, once natural resources are removed, they will not be available for future generations
10. A committee that includes members from both the Senate and the House, who try to work out differences between two versions of a bill so they can return the revised bill to both chambers for another vote
12. A legislative session called to discuss specific subjects
14. To take a case to a higher court for further consideration