**Convention Issue Number Three**

*How Should the Chief Executive Be Elected?*

**As you read section 8.9 (page 113) fill in the notes below to understand the next issue that faced the delegates of the Constitutional Convention.**

Another major question facing the delegates concerned who would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the new government’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ branch. Delegate Charles Pinckney urged the creation of a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ executive.” Delegate James Wilson followed with a proposal that a

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person serve as chief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A single executive? Just the words brought back unhappy memories of King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_III. Wilson explained that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government depends on clear, timely, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_leadership, that is most likely found in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person.

**One Executive or Three?**

Delegate Edmund Randolph of Virginia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this proposal. He preferred a

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-member executive drawn from the different parts of the country.

Benjamin Franklin opposed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ executive for different reasons. “The first

man put at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be a good one.” said Franklin thinking of George Washington.

“Nobody knows what sort may come \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” The next chief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he warned, might be overly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or too “fond of war.”

In spite of these objections, the framers, agreed to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to be called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. To keep this leader from becoming too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they limited the president’s term to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ president was also to be elected to fill that term if the president \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in office.

**Choosing the Chief Executive**

Equally troubling was the issue of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to choose the chief executive. Some delegates wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to appoint the president.

Several delegates thought that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should elect the president. Madison however felt this would be unfair because the delegates would naturally vote for someone from their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Others suggested that the president be elected by specially chosen group of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

from each state. It was felt that this chosen group of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_would be able to look beyond state interests and make a wise choice for the entire country.

**Convention Issue Number Three**

*How should the national executive (president) be elected?*

Option A – Have the people directly elect the executive.

Option B – Have the Congress elect the executive.

Option C – Have the state legislatures or governors elect the executive.

Option D – Have the people or state legislatures choose electors who will elect the executive.

**Constructed Response:**

(Write your response as if you are the delegate that you are portraying during the convention.) Please include a topic sentence, supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence. Make sure to write in complete sentences.

Looking at Issue 3, what did your delegate decide? Be able to support why your delegate decided that way. Give details from section 8.9 to support your answer.

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**Compromise?**

Come up with a possible compromise that would please both sides on this issue. Explain why this compromise would work.

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**Resolution: The Electoral College**

After reading section 8.10 complete the following notes.

**Essential Question**: What compromise did the delegates create to resolve the issue of how the president should be elected?

After 60 votes on the issue of how to elect the president, the framers reached a compromise. Neither \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nor the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they decided, should choose the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and vice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Instead, a special body called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would elect the government’s leader.

**The Electoral College System**

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is made up of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who cast votes to elect the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and vice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years. Each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_has as many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the number of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it sends to Congress.

Today, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ choose their state’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when they vote in presidential elections. The electors then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their ballots for president and vice president on a date chose by Congress.

**Political Parties and Elections**

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system looks very odd to most Americans today. In our age of instant communication, it is hard to appreciate the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ concern that voters would not know enough about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outside their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to choose a president wisely.