**IMPEACHMENT PROCESS**

*Includes one independent and four vacancies*

*Includes two independents who caucus with the Democratic Party*

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**House Judiciary committee** reviews the official impeachment inquiry to determine if there is enough evidence to pursue articles of impeachment.

If evidence found, **the House votes on articles of impeachment**

**In the House currently**, there are 233 Democrats and 196 Republicans

- Less than a majority support impeachment:
  - President remains in office

- A simple majority (51%) support impeachment:
  - President is impeached

House may withhold articles, delaying Senate trial

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**Trial begins in the Senate**

The House appoints Senate members to hold a trial.
The Supreme Court Chief Justice presides.

**In the Senate currently**, there are 47* Democrats and 53 Republicans

- If less than 2/3 of the Senate votes to convict:
  - President remains in office

- If more than 2/3 of the Senate votes to convict:
  - President removed from office and Vice President takes over

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*“Impeachment” means to charge someone in the public sector with misconduct or illegal doings. The Constitution states a high ranked federal official can be removed from position if convicted of high crimes or misdemeanors.*