

The New Jersey Plan: (FAVORED BY STATES WITH SMALLER POPULATIONS)

Proposed By: WILLIAM PATERSON

DEFINED (glossary):

*A proposal to create a unicameral legislature with equal representation of states rather than representation by population; it was rejected at the Constitutional Convention*

DESCRIPTION / COMPONENTS:

- *This plan called for **MODIFICATIONS** to the Articles of Confederation*
- *This plan kept a Unicameral (one house) legislature*
- *Each state would have **EQUAL** representation*
- *Congress would have new powers which included **TAXATION & TRADE REGULATION***

*\*\* Paterson believed that the Convention only had the authority to change the Articles, not make a new government \*\**

**The Virginia Plan:** *(FAVORED BY STATES WITH LARGE POPULATIONS)*

Proposed By: EDMUND RANDOLPH

DEFINED (glossary):

*The plan for government proposed at the Constitutional Convention in which the national government would have supreme power and a legislative branch would have two houses with representation determined by state population*

DESCRIPTION / COMPONENTS:

- *Two-house legislature (Bi-cameral)*
- *One would be elected by the people*
- *The second house would be chosen by the first house*
- *Both houses would have proportional representation (based on state pop.)*
  
- *There would be an EXECUTIVE, which would be chosen by the Congress*
  
- *There would be a NATIONAL JUDICIARY (courts)*