**A Closer Look at the Purposed Plans**

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| **The Virginia Plan**  **(Large States)** | |
| **Branches** | Three - legislative, executive, and judicial. The legislature was more powerful, as it chose people to serve in the executive and judicial branches. |
| **Legislature** | Two houses (bicameral). The House of Representatives was elected by the people and the Senate was elected by the state legislatures. Both were represented proportionally. |
| **Other Powers** | The legislature could regulate interstate trade, strike down laws deemed unconstitutional and use armed forces to enforce laws. |

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| **The New Jersey Plan**  **(Small States)** | |
| **Branches** | Three - legislative, executive, and judicial. The legislature appoints people to serve in the executive branch, and the executive branch selects the justices of the Supreme Court. |
| **Legislature** | One house (unicameral). States would be represented equally, so all states had the same power. |
| **Other Powers** | The national government could levy taxes and import duties, regulate trade, and state laws would be subordinate to laws passed by the national legislature. |