

Quiz/Worksheet: Understanding Dillon's Rule

1. Why did the General Assembly create "shires" in Virginia in 1634?

2. A _____ is to a city as the Constitution is to the federal government.

3. Give two reasons Judge Dillon so greatly distrusted local governments:

1) _____

2) _____

4. If Dillon's Rule is the term for state control of local government, then the opposite of Dillon's Rule (local control of local government) is best described as municipal _____

5. Place the following states on a continuum dealing with the two terms in question #4:

Kentucky, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, Kansas

Dillon's Rule

Home Rule

6. In what year did the General Assembly in Richmond consider reversing Dillon's Rule?

7. Give at least one reason why the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia Association of Counties opposed the proposed changes to the Dillon Rule (refers to question #6).

8. Identify the first American city to hire a city manager.

9. According to the author, what has replaced old-fashioned "boss" management in most cities?

10. What is the current (as of the time the article was written) position of the Virginia Municipal League regarding Dillon's Rule?
