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KEY ISSUE	VIRGINIA PLAN (Large-State Plan)	NEW JERSEY PLAN (Small-State Plan)	THE GREAT COMPROMISE (The Constitution)
What is the source of the national government's power?	The people	The states	The people
What is the structure of the legislature?	Bicameral Congress	Unicameral Congress	Bicameral Congress
What is the basis of representation in Congress?	Representation based on population	One vote for every state	Equal votes in the Senate; representation based on population in the House
How will Congress pass laws?	Simple majority	Extraordinary majority	Simple majority vote, with provision for a presidential veto
What powers will Congress have?	Power to regulate commerce and tax	Power to regulate commerce and tax	Power to regulate commerce and tax
What kind of executive is there?	Number of executives undetermined; elected and removed by Congress	More than one executive; removable by a state majority	One executive; elected by the people and removable by Congress
What kind of judicial branch?	National court system with power to overturn state laws	National court system with no power over states	National court system with power to overturn state laws
Who will approve the new plan for government?	The people	State legislatures	State ratification conventions