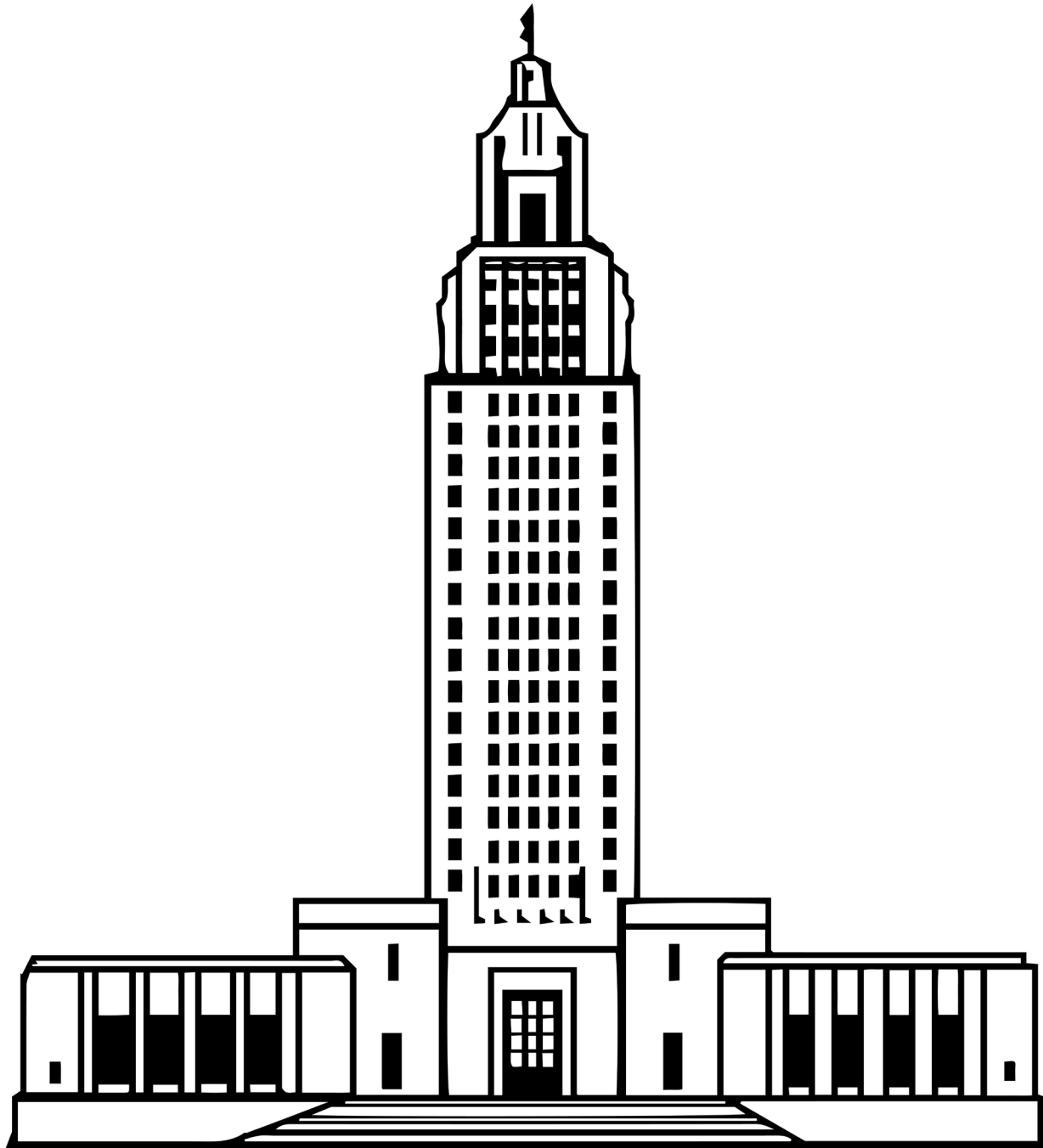




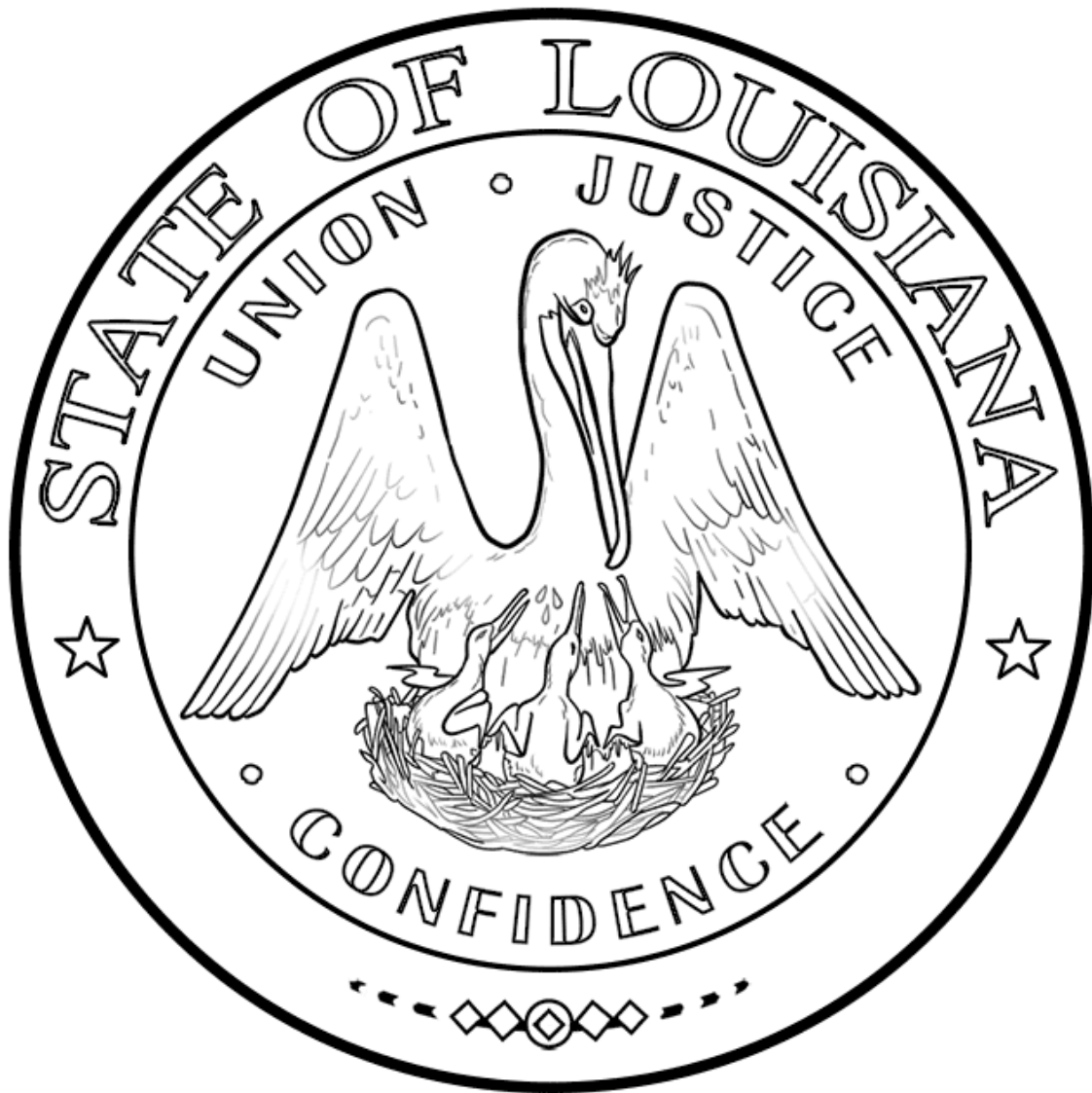
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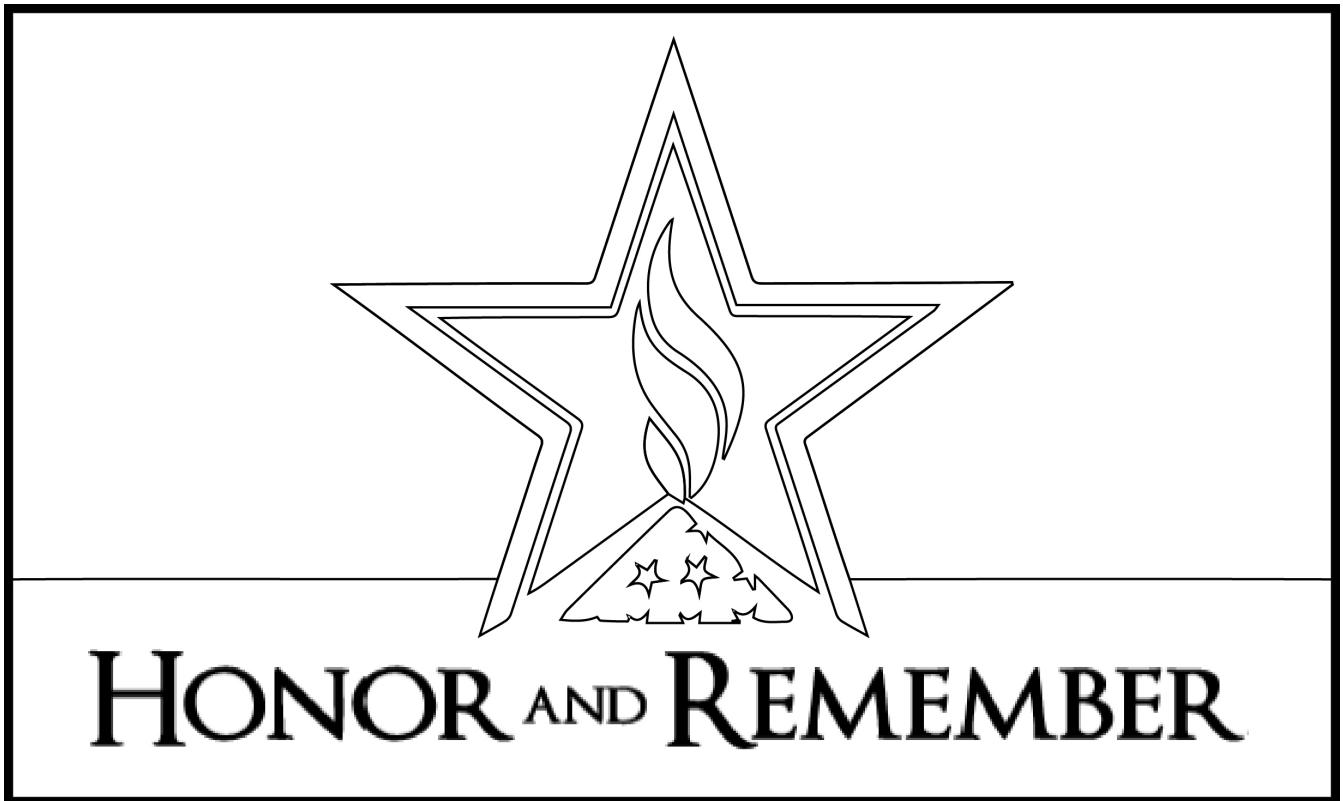
**Louisiana has 64 parishes.
All other states call them counties/
boroughs. Can you find your parish?**



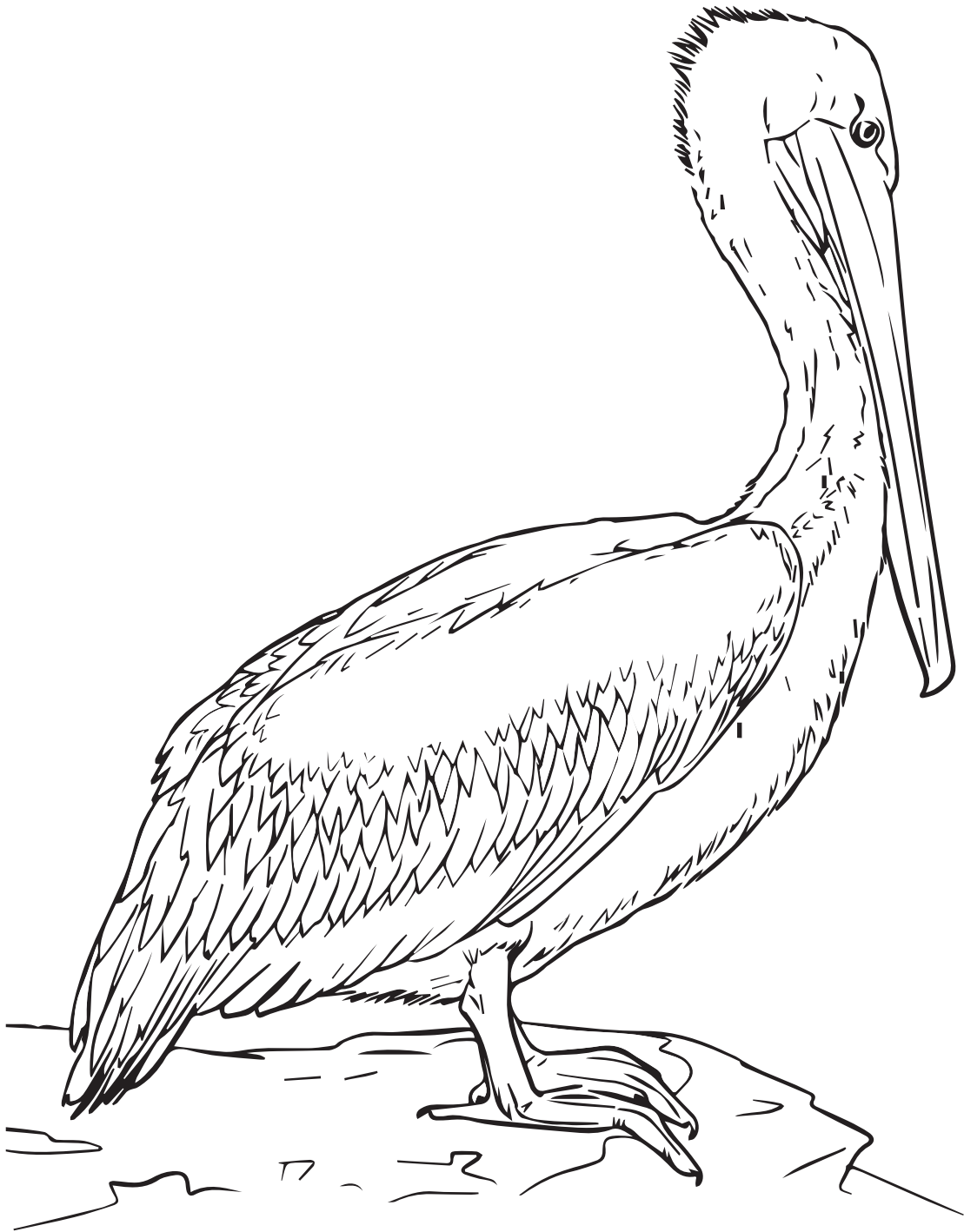
Our State Seal was redesigned in 2010. The mother pelican and her three pelican chicks are white, the center is dark blue, and the three drops of blood are red.



10 different flags have flown over Louisiana. The state flag we have now was adopted in 1912 and redesigned in 2010.



The Honor and Remember flag is the state emblem of military service.



**The Brown Pelican is our State Bird.
Our State is known as the Pelican State.**



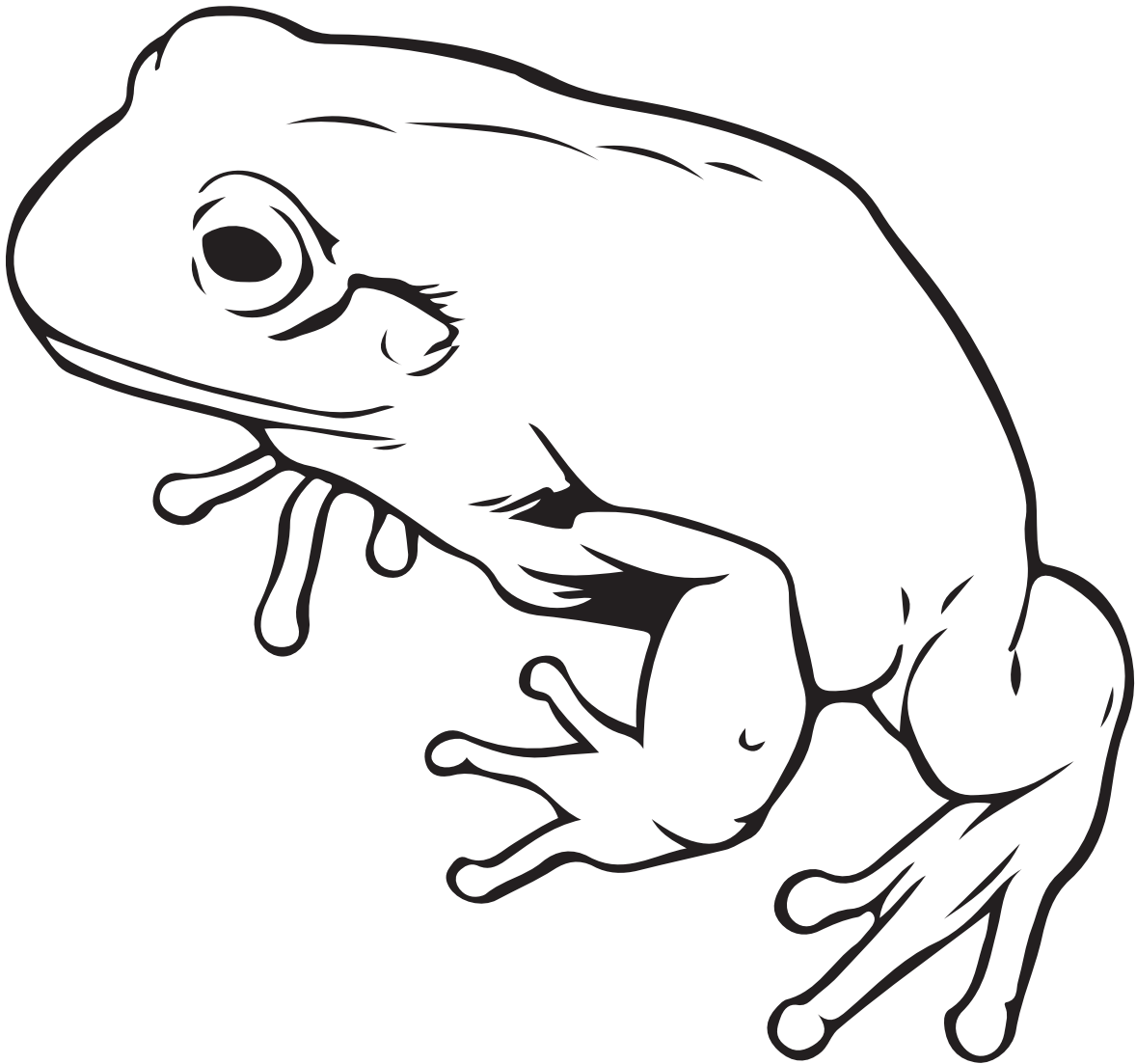
**Strawberry,
our State Fruit.**



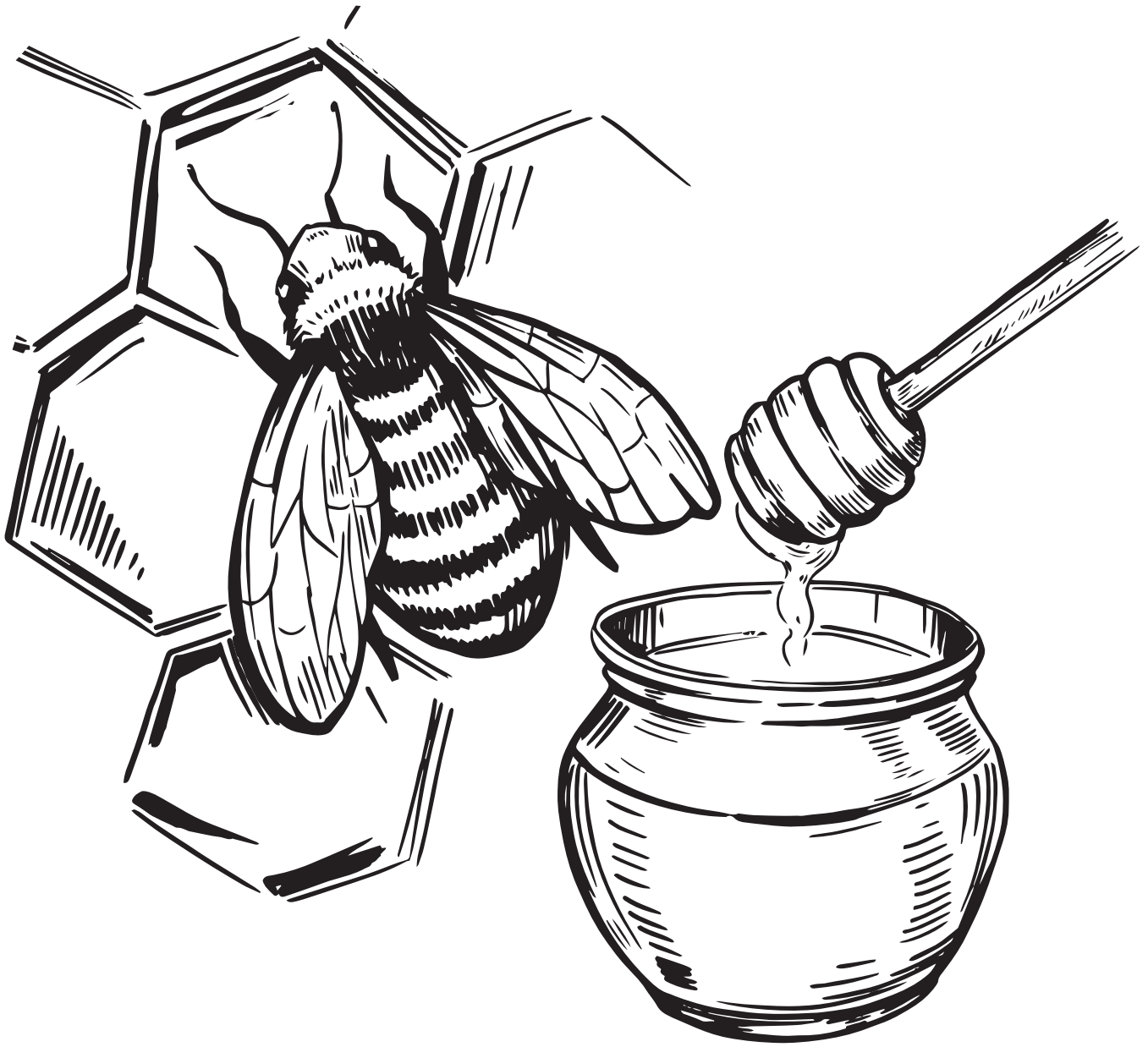
**Milk,
our State Drink.**



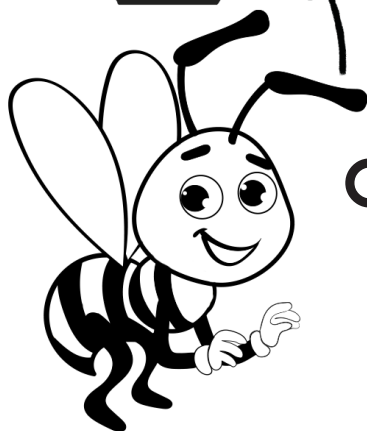
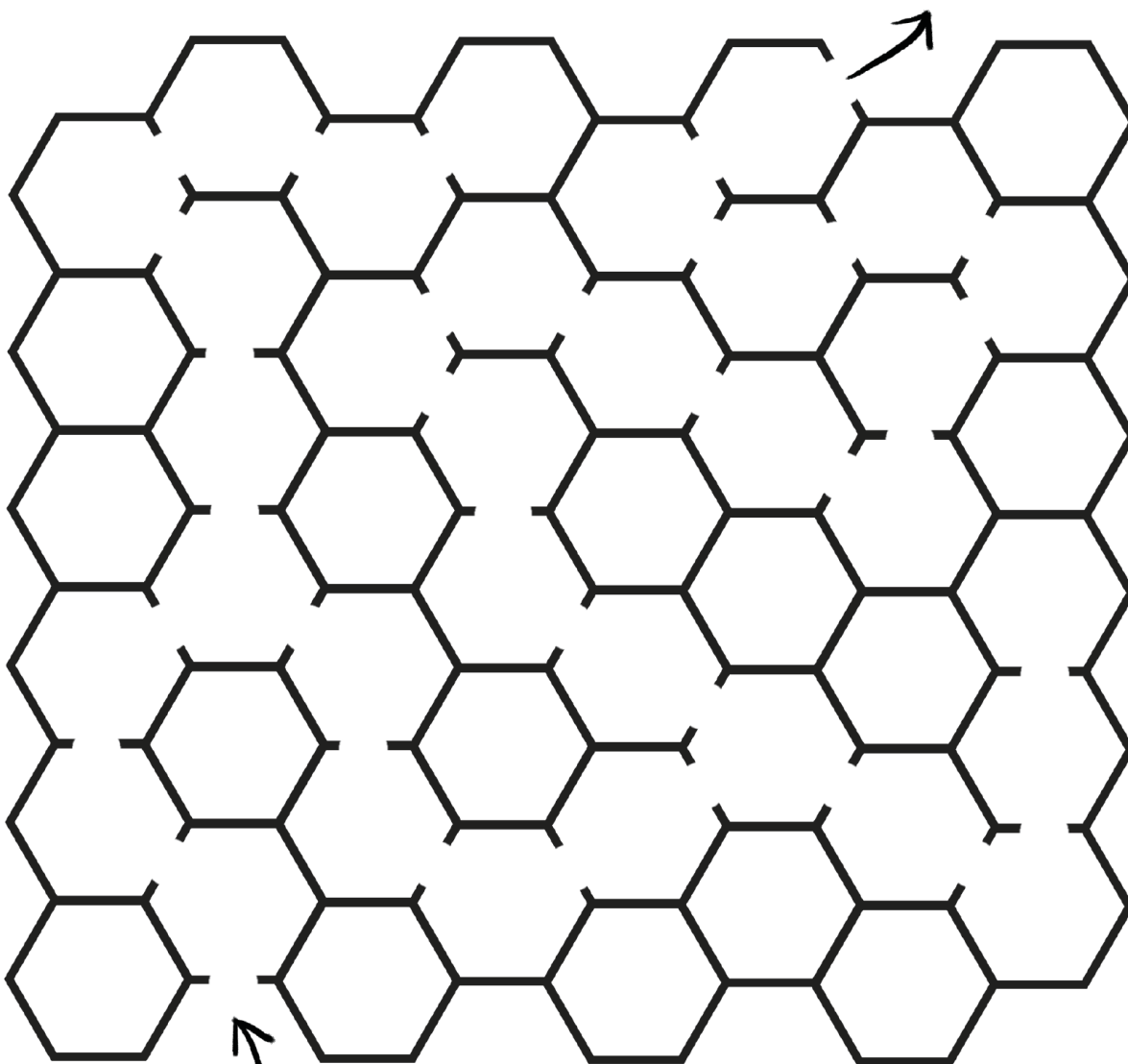
**Louisiana even has a State Dog.
It is the Catahoula Leopard dog.**



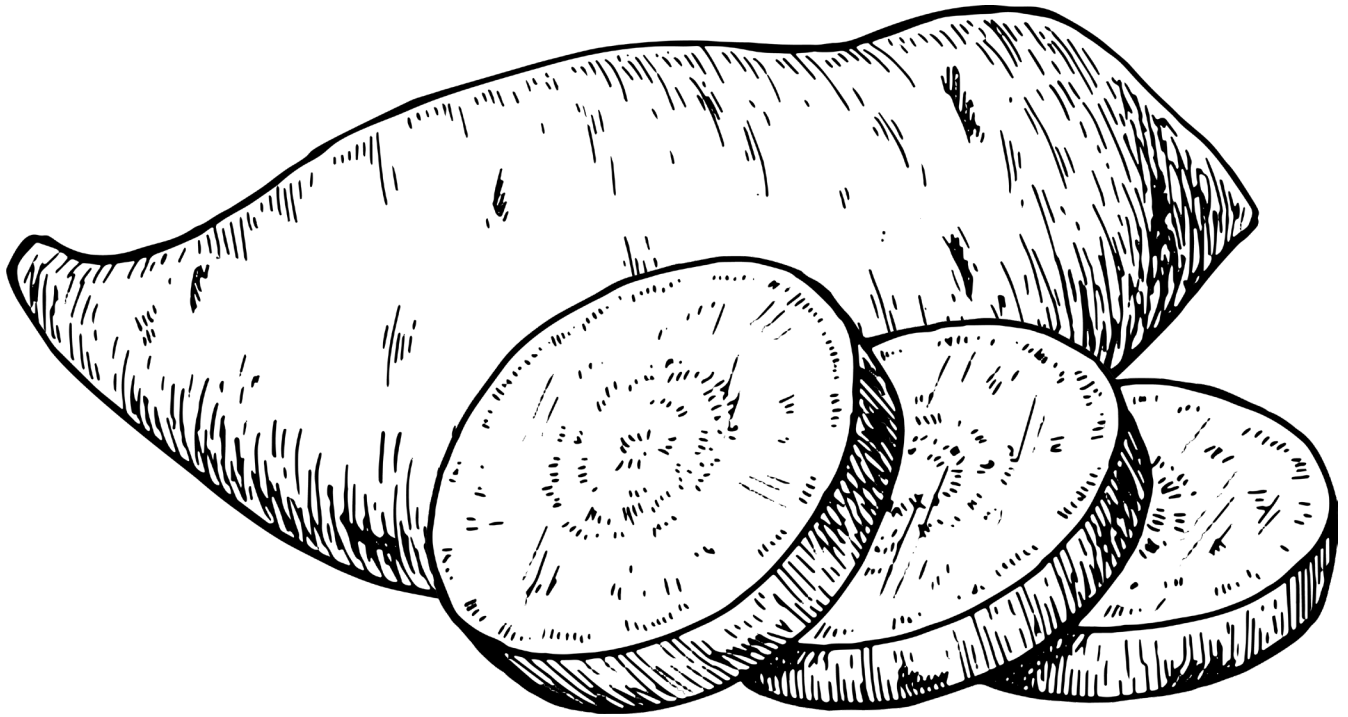
**The Green Tree Frog is the
State Amphibian of Louisiana.**



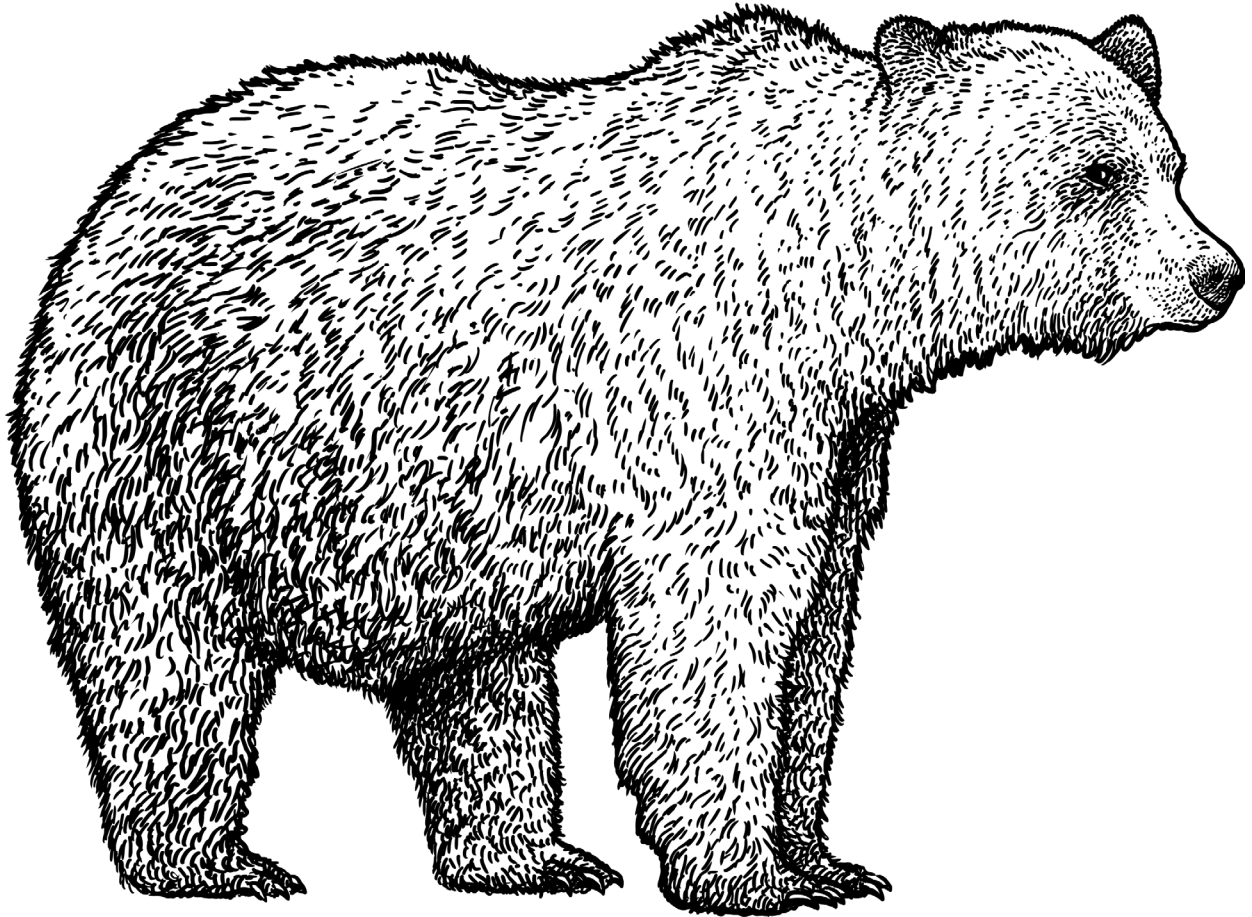
**Honeybee,
our State Insect.**



Complete the maze to help the honeybee find its hive!



**Our State Vegetable
is the Sweet Potato.**

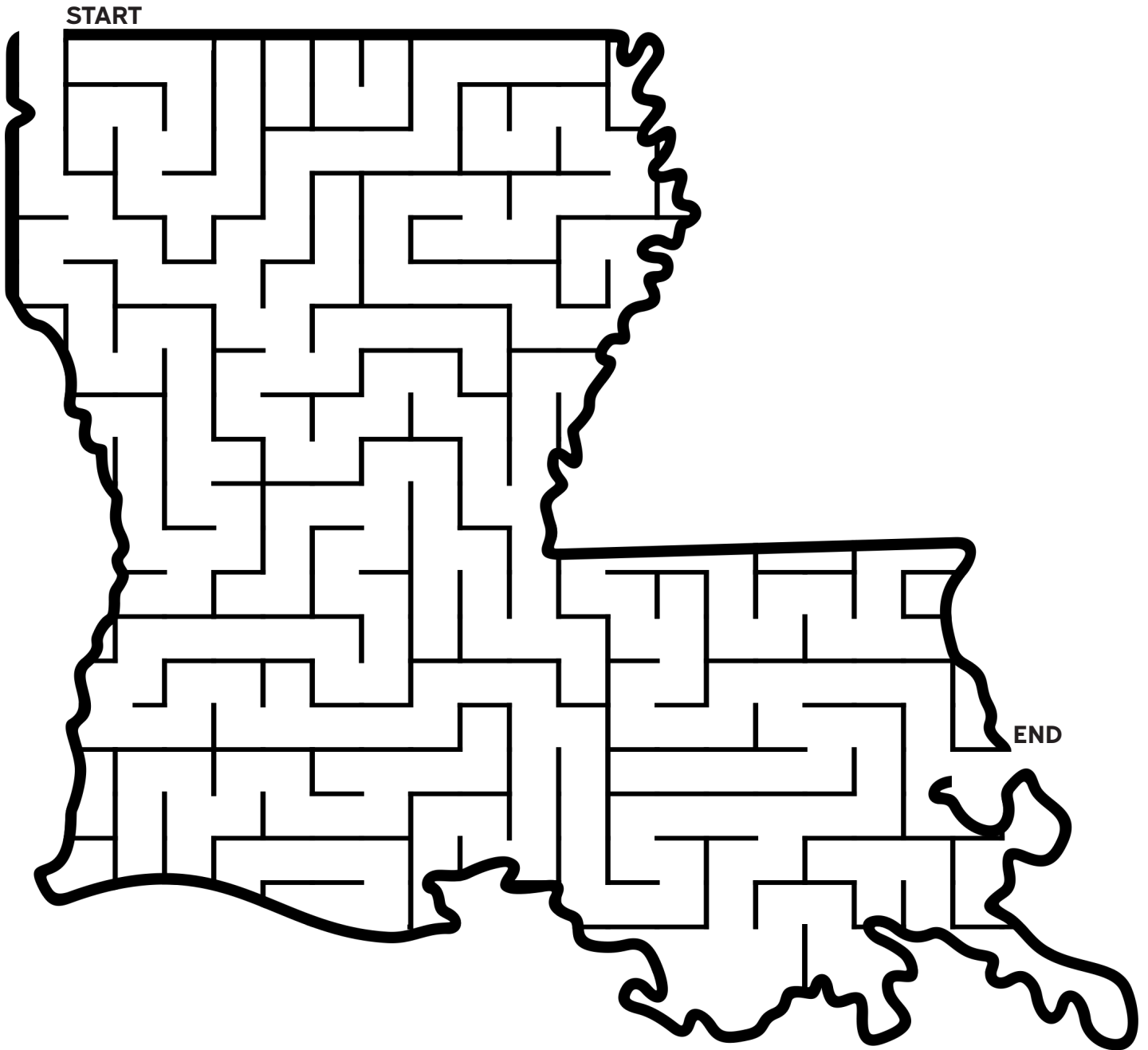


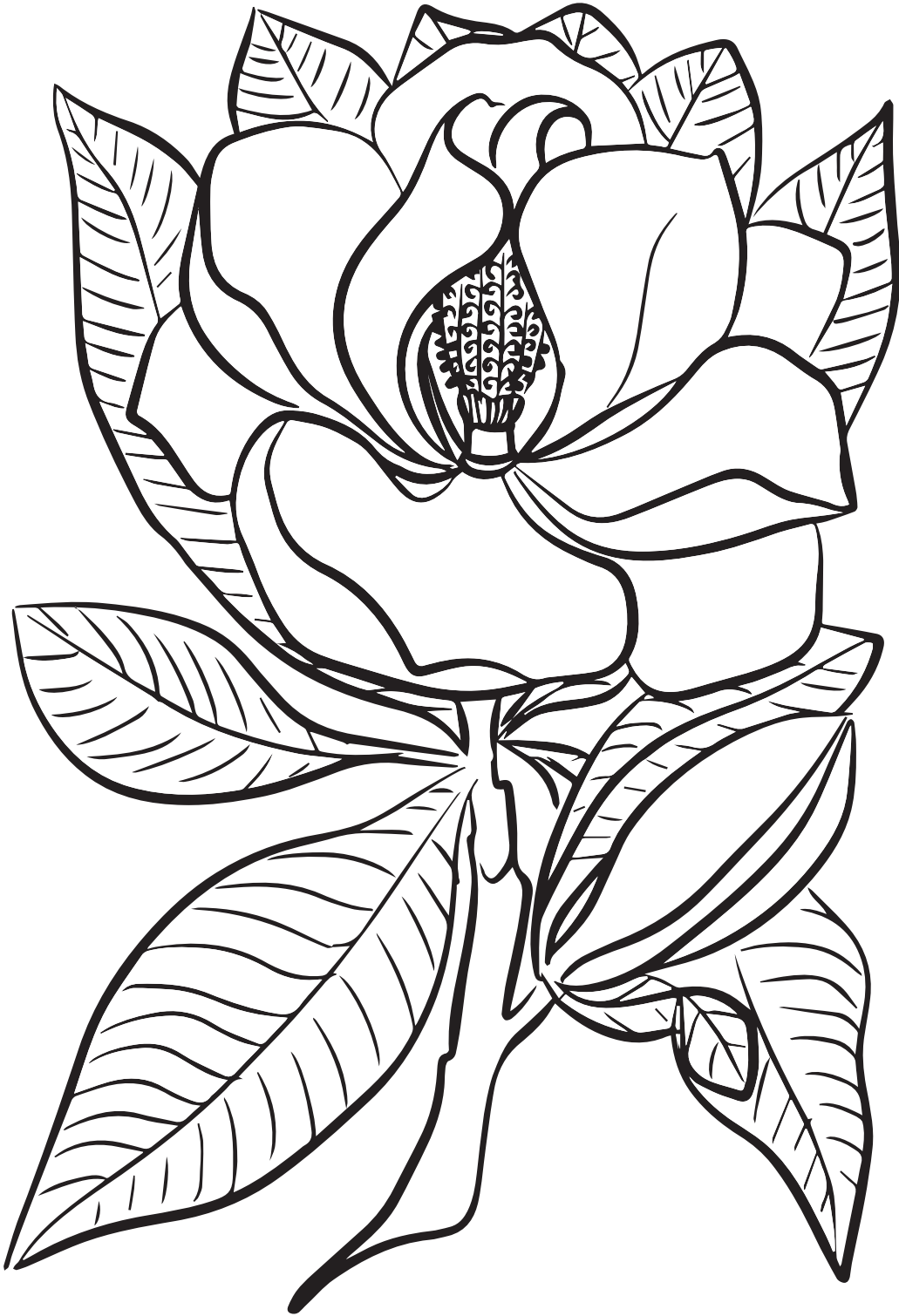
The Louisiana Black Bear is our State Mammal. There are about 750 bears in our state.



Mardi Gras colors are purple, green, and gold. The festival attracts visitors from all over the world to our state.

Follow the maze through Louisiana's parishes.

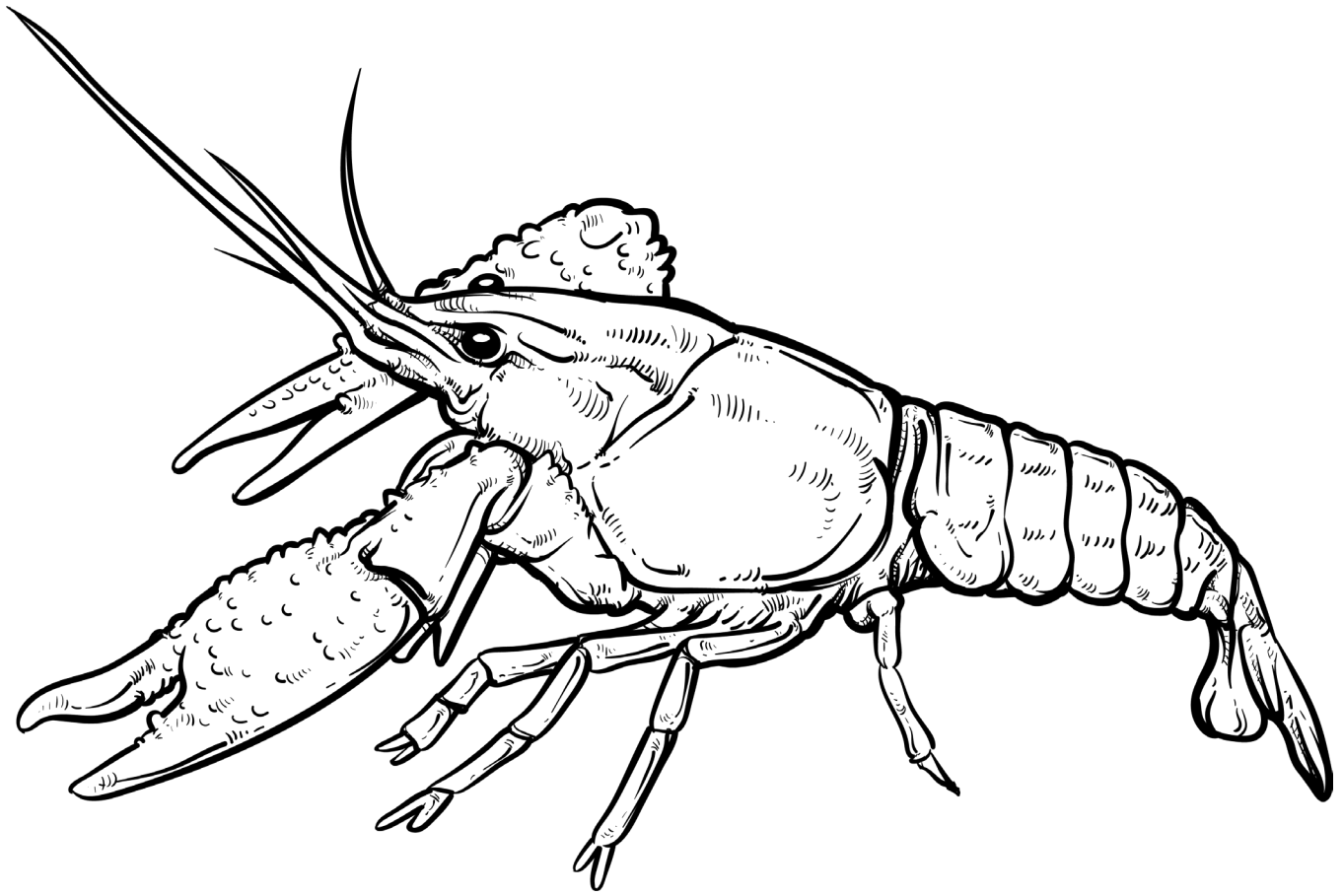




The Magnolia Blossom became our State Flower in 1900.



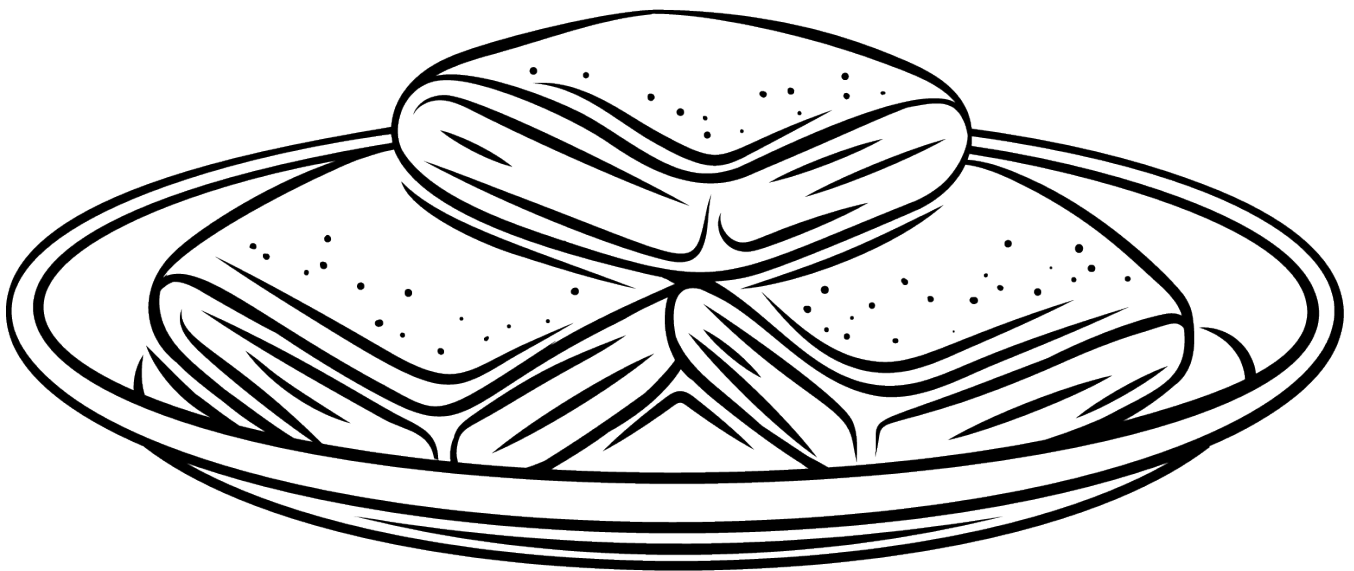
The State Reptile is the Alligator.



**The State Crustacean is the Crawfish.
They are known as “crawdads”,
“crayfish” and “mudbugs” in other
parts of the U.S.**



Gumbo is our State Cuisine.



**The State Donut is the yummy Beignet.
It is sweet like a donut, but is square
and doesn't have a hole.**



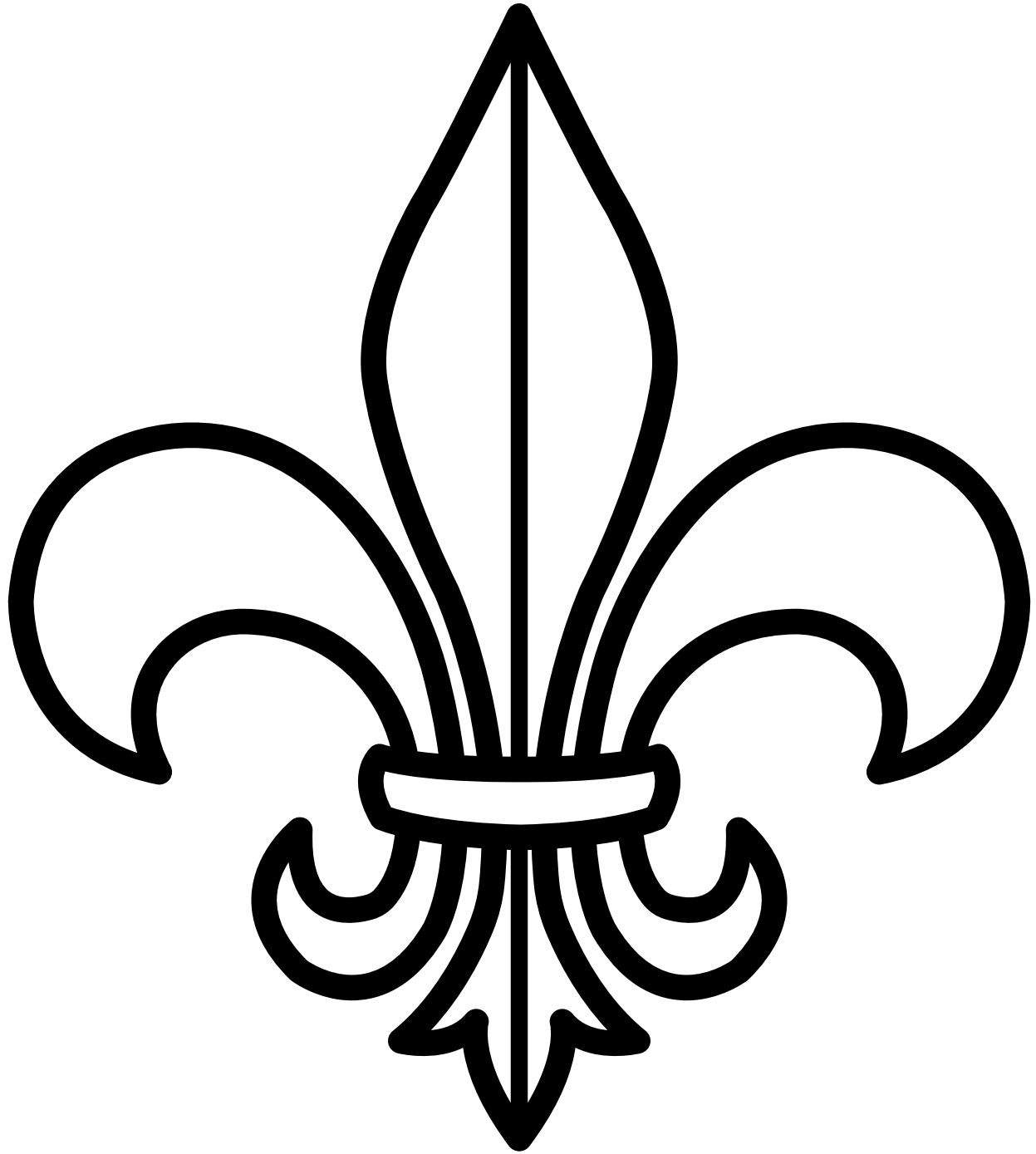
**Louisiana has 2 State Jellies,
Mayhaw and Sugar Cane.**

Connect the dots to reveal the state bird.

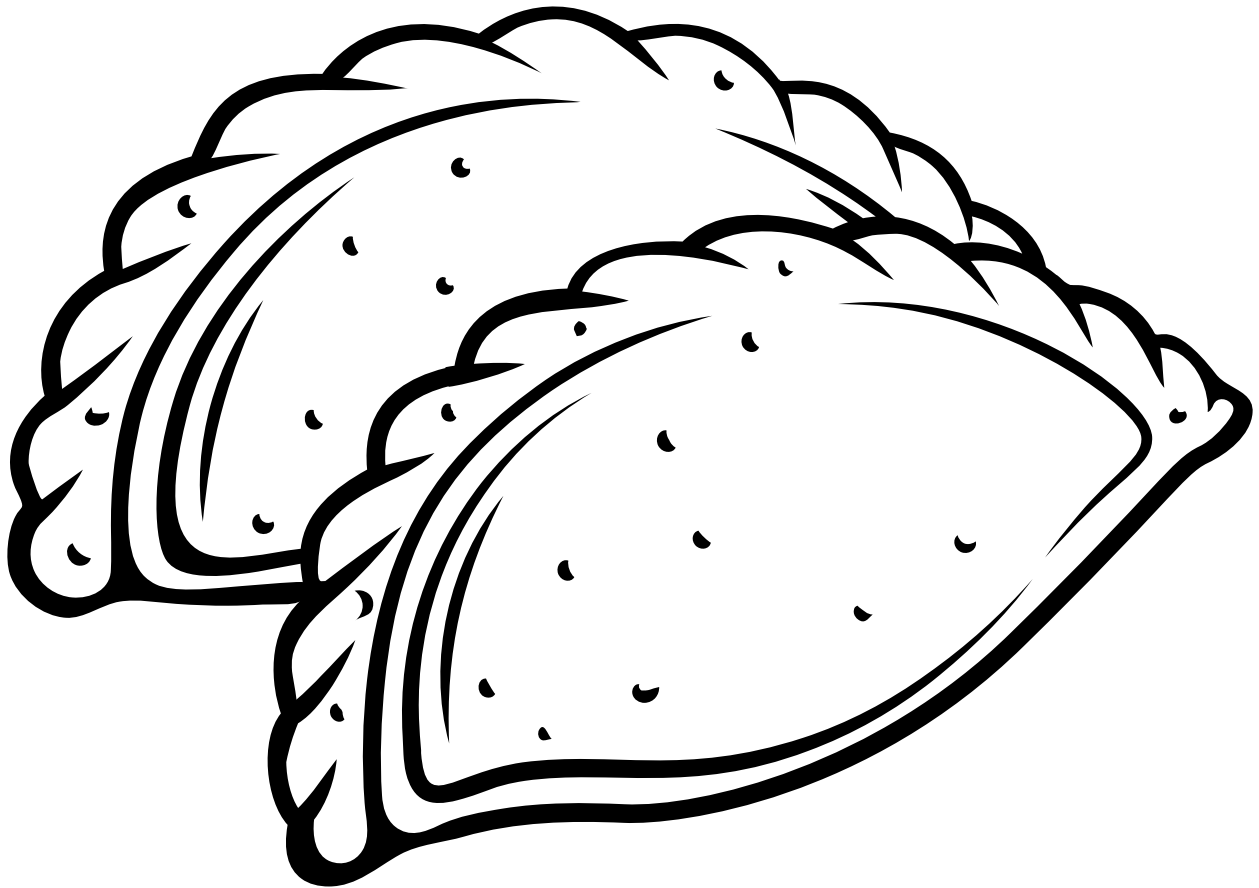




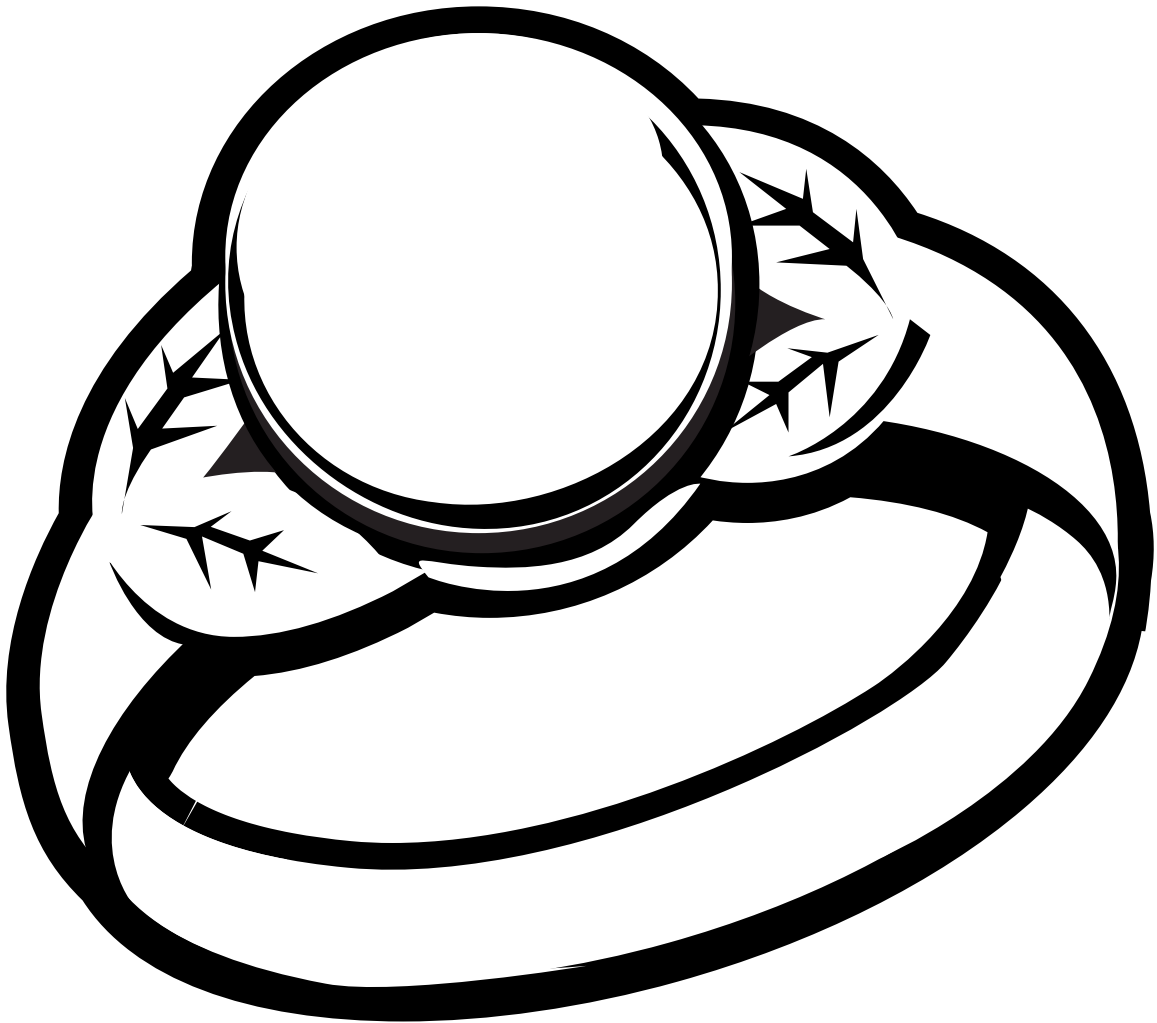
The Bald Cypress is our State Tree.



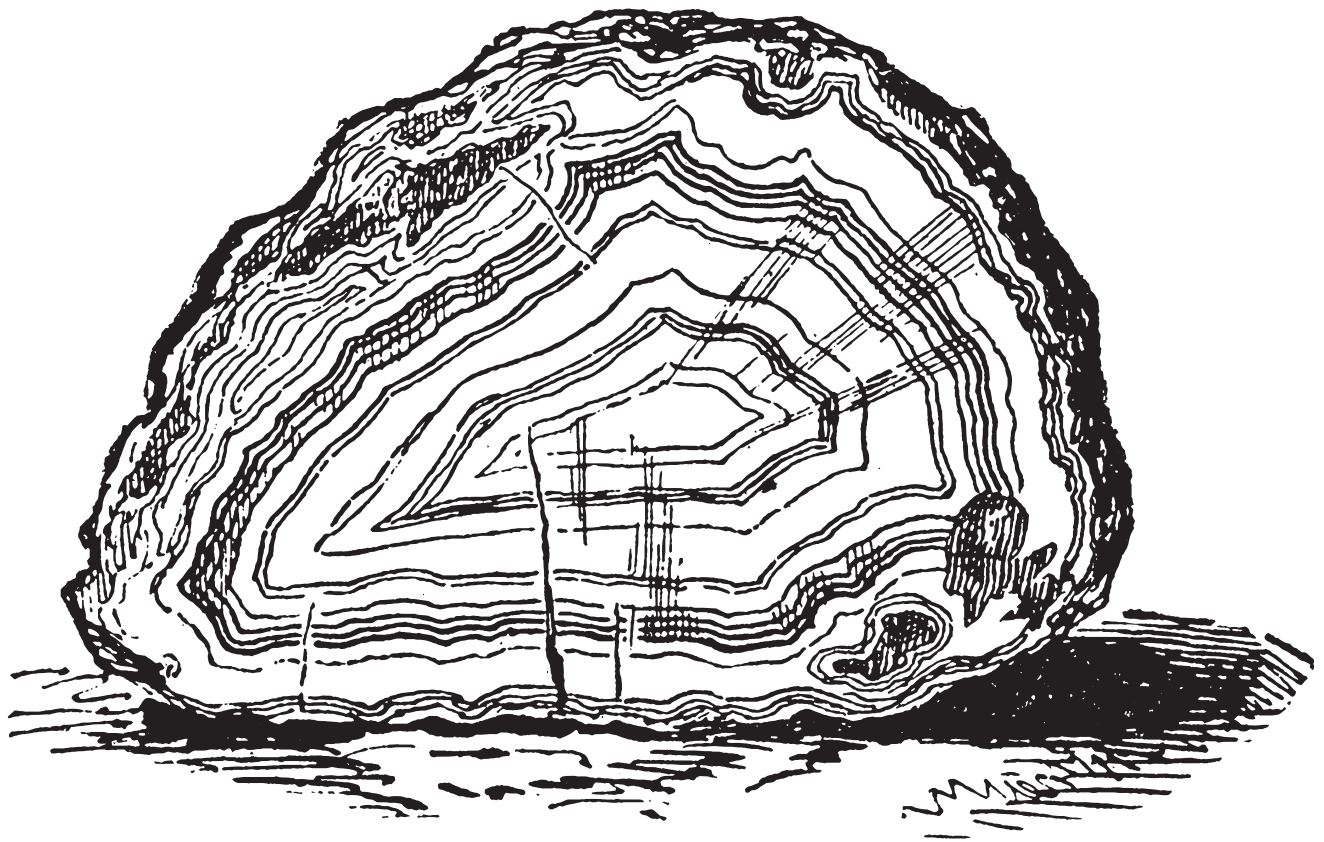
**The fleur-de-lis is the State
Symbol of Louisiana.**



**The Natchitoches Meat Pie is the
Official Meat Pie of Louisiana.**



**The State Gemstone is a cabochon cut
gemstone called LaPearlite.
It is made from oyster shells.**



The official State Mineral is Agate.



THE ROLE OF A LEGISLATOR

A LEGISLATOR'S JOB

The job of a state legislator is to consider, debate and vote on laws. It is the legislature's responsibility to establish general statewide policy, levy taxes, appropriate and otherwise decide how state monies are spent, and establish and review the activities of all governmental agencies and officials.

In addition, they are called upon by you, their constituents, to assist in a variety of ways, including: obtaining aid from public agencies; providing information about state programs, current law and pending legislation; providing assistance at the state capitol; securing projects and programs for House & Senate districts and aiding in solving problems both governmental and personal, including acting as a mediator with a state agency on behalf of a constituent or local governing authority. It is their responsibility to serve.

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

In Louisiana, as in Congress and most other states, the lawmaking process involves four major stages: introduction, committee action, floor action, and enrollment. In a bicameral legislature like Louisiana's, with both a house and a senate, the first three stages must occur in each of the chambers consecutively. After the chamber in which the bill is introduced completes action on the measure, the bill is sent to the other chamber, where the process is repeated through the three stages. The fourth stage, enrollment, occurs in the originating chamber after both have agreed on the final form of the proposal.

CONNECT WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR

If you have any comments or questions on pending legislation please contact the office of your state legislator. Some of the best pieces of legislation come from constituents, so if you have an idea for a bill you are encouraged to contact their office. Visit www.legis.la.gov for more information.

State Pledge of Allegiance

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the state of Louisiana and to the motto for which it stands: A state, under God, united in purpose and ideals, confident that justice shall prevail for all of those abiding here.”

State Judicial Poem: “America, We the People”

by Sylvia Davidson Lott Buckley

“America

We the people

Justice, the word most sought by all, seek God to bless the courts with truth, for
through His wisdom we rise or fall.

America

We the people

Do honor this great lady fair, who with her mighty arms still holds, the scales of Justice
for all to share.

America

We the people

Do offer threads of hope to all, for Justice covers everyone; she does not measure, short
or tall.

America

We the people

Boldly make this pledge to thee, that Justice will, in mind and heart guide each destiny.

America

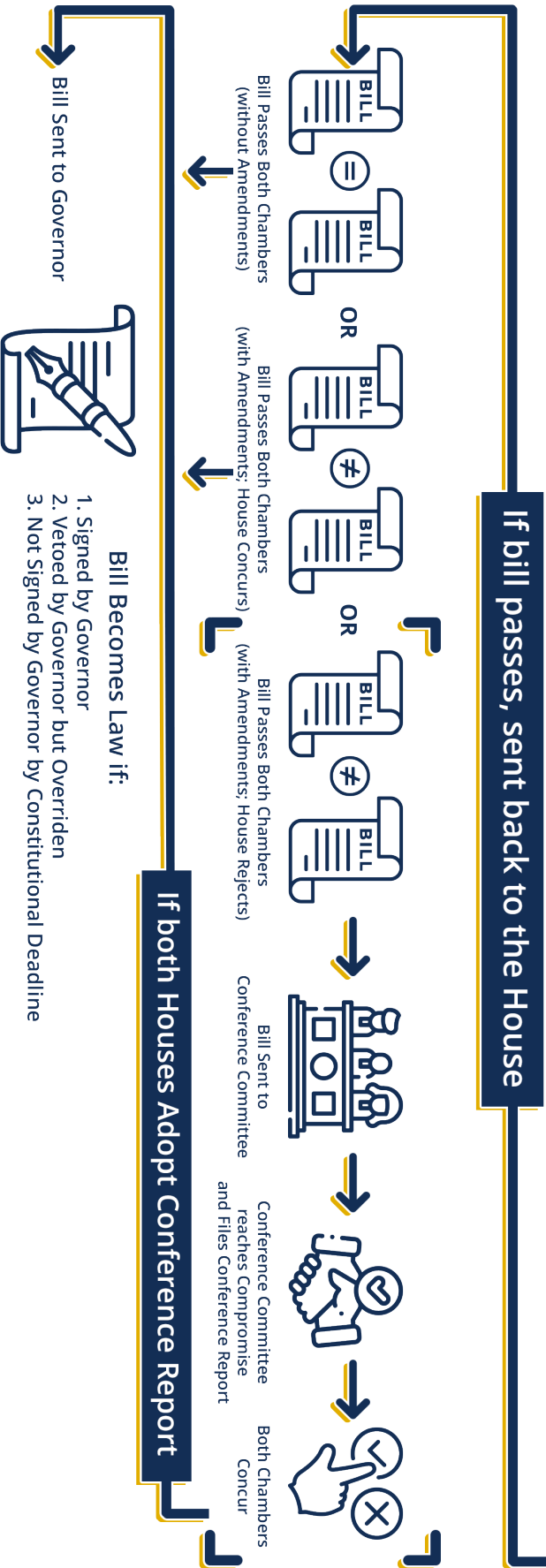
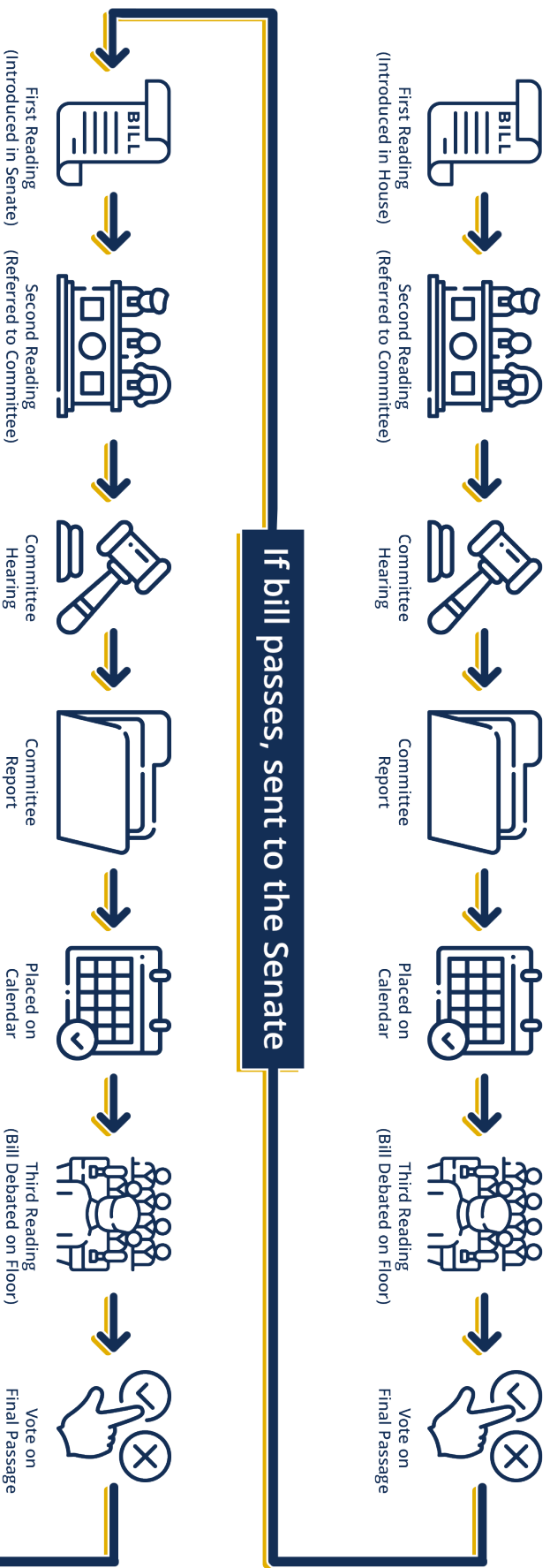
We.....the.....people.”

State Cultural Poem: “I Am Louisiana”

written by Paul Ott

“I’m Spanish moss on a live oak tree
cajun fried shrimp and a cypress knee
I’m Bienville, Captain Shreve, Beauregard,
Zach Taylor and Jean LaFitte
I’m New Orleans, the land of dreams
Creole cookin’ and a Mardi Gras king
I’m a thoroughbred racin’ at Louisiana Downs
Avery Island and a catahoula hound
I’m the Louisiana Hayride and the birth of the blues
The Evangeline, Chickory Coffee and Baton Rouge
I’m when the Saints Go Marchin’ In. . . the Superdome
The Atchafalaya and an old plantation home
I’m jambalaya, a catfish fry and a file’ gumbo
A sugar cane patch, Pete Fountain,
French Quarter and Satchmo
Well, I’m the Mississippi River
As it rounds the bend
I Am Louisiana

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