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C. Elections Match the definitions with the terms in the box below.

1	: the residents of a district represented by an elected legislator or official
2	: someone who stands in an election
3	: document stating the aims and principles of a political party
4	: the number of votes by which the candidate wins an election
5	: a direct vote by the population on some important public issue
6	: an election in one constituency in contrast to a General Election
7	: a parliamentary seat held by a very small majority of votes
8	: members of parliament who do not belong to the party in power
9	: to be a candidate in an election
10	: to select in a formal way, e.g. by marking a ballot paper
11	: to select someone or something by voting
12	: a sheet of paper or a card used to cast or register a vote
13	: where voters cast their ballots in elections
14general election	: an election by which a political party nominates candidates for the following
15	: a meeting of supporters or members of a political party or movement

polling place or polling station	referendum	by-election	policy/platform
caucus	Vote	majority	elect
constituency	candidate	ballot	stand (in)/run (for)
marginal seat	opposition	primary	

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