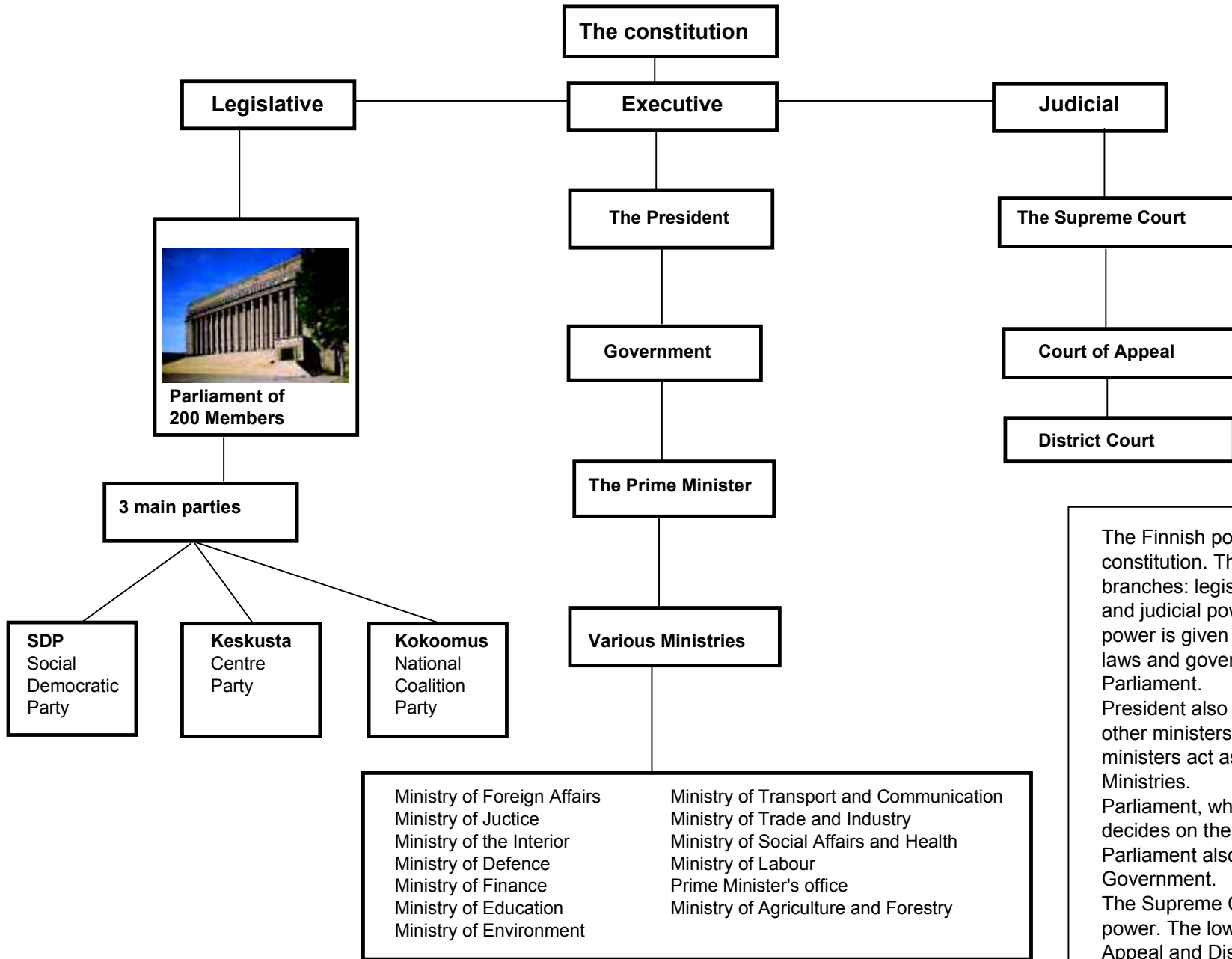


The Finnish political system



The Finnish political system is based on the constitution. The power is separated into three branches: legislative power, executive power and judicial power. The highest executive power is given to the President who presents laws and government's proposals to the Parliament. President also appoints the Prime Minister and other ministers of the Government. The ministers act as a heads of the various Ministries. Parliament, which consists of 200 MPs, decides on the budget and makes laws. The Parliament also supervises the actions of the Government. The Supreme Court has the highest judicial power. The lower court levels are: Court of Appeal and District Court.