## The Constitution of 1979: Structure of Iranian Government

## **Elected Government Bodies Unelected Government Bodies** President Dashed lines Supreme Islamic Jurist represent • elected for up to two four-year terms appointments. ·highest leader in Iran's political structure •the second-highest ranking official •appoints and controls military •responsible for implementing constitution Solid lines · candidates must be approved by the Council ·appoints six members of the Council of Guardrepresent of Guardians elections. ·appointed by the Assembly of Experts The dotted ·final say on foreign policy line Cabinet represents · cabinet mininsters are chosen by the presiapproval of dent and approved by the Majlis candidates for **Head of Judiciary** ·ministers can be impeached by the Majlis election. · oversees enforcement of legal system based on Voters ·appointed by Supreme Islamic Jurist Mailis • every Iranian •290 members elected every four years over the age of 15 may vote •candidates must be approved by the Council of Guardians **Armed Forces** ·can impeach cabinet ministers •regular military and Revolutionary Guard •all bills passed by the Majlis must be approved by the Council of Guardians · all military commanders appointed by the Supreme Islamic Jurist **Council of Guardians Assembly of Experts** •consists of six theologians appointed by the Supreme Islamic Jurist, and · directly elected body, but only clerics may another six nominated by the judiciary and approved by the Majlis •selected for six-year terms •appoints Supreme Islamic Jurist • must approve and can veto bills passed by the Majlis if they are incon-•candidates must be approved by the Council sistent with the constiution of Shari'a of Guardians •the Council must approve all candidates for the Majlis, the presidency, and the Assembly of Experts