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## METHOD 1

- Congress proposes an amendment
  - 2/3 of HofR (287 of the 435) approves
  - 2/3 of Senate (66 of the 100) approves
- If approved it is sent to the states' legislatures.
  - 3/4 (38) states must approve

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## METHOD 2

- A Constitutional Convention to be called for by  $2/3$  (33) of the state legislatures.
- One or more amendments can be proposed.
- Sent to the state legislatures (or state conventions) for approval – again
  - $3/4$  of the state legislatures must approve.

# Amendment 11

- Passed in 1795
- You cannot bring a state or the federal government to trial for criminal crimes.

# Amendment 12

- 1803
- President is elected by Electoral College
- and the Vice President by the Electoral College NOT 2nd place



# Amendment 13

- Emancipation Proclamation – 18

- Passed in 1865

- Abolished slavery

- 1870

- Right to vote could not be denied based on race, color, or that you were previously



# Amendment 17



- 1913
- Changed process of selecting Senators. People would now elect them.

# Amendment 27



- 1992 / Took 203 years to be approved.
- Prevents members of Congress from giving themselves pay raises during the current session.

# Amendment 18

- 1919
- Prohibition of liquor

# Amendment 21

- 1933 (14 years later)
- Repealed Amendment 18





# Amendment 19

- Proposed 1920
- Gave women the right to vote

# Amendment 22

- 1951
- Limited the Presidency to two terms

