



Bill of Rights

FIRST 10 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

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- Appease Anti-federalist
- Put in place in 1791
- Proposed by Madison during 1st U.S. Congress
- 12 proposed but only 10 were ratified
- Of the remaining two, one was adopted 203 years later as the Twenty-seventh Amendment
- Technically the other still remains “pending” in front of the states.



#11 - Became the 27th Amendment

Congress should not be allowed to give itself pay raised without constituents being able to register disapproval.

#12 - Never passed

Required each congressional district not to exceed a population of 50,000 citizens.

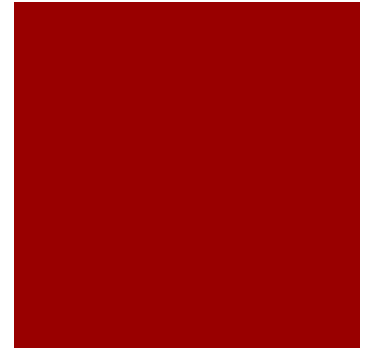
With the population of the United States approaching 320 million, the House of Representatives would have more than 6400 members today.

Amendment 1

- Freedom of religion, speech, and the press; rights of assembly and petition

Amendment 2

- Right to bear arms (to own guns)

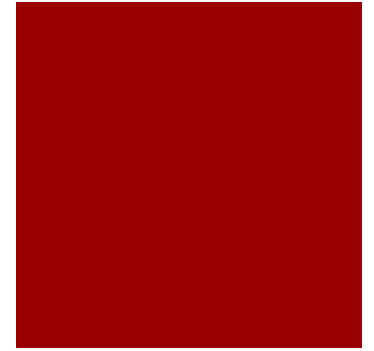


Amendment 3

- Quartering of Troops
- Soldiers will not be housed in private homes

Amendment 4

- Search and Seizure - The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures.

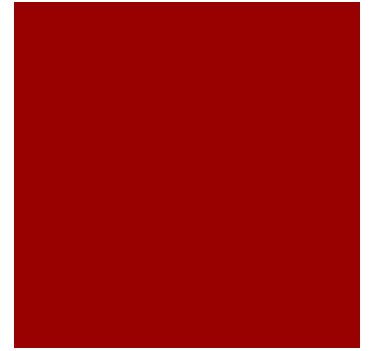


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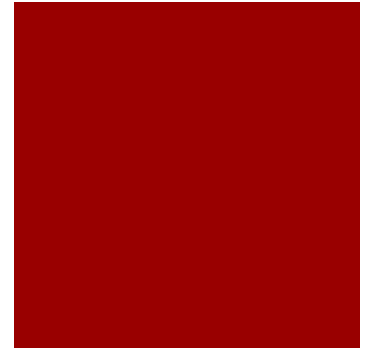
- No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury (except military trials)
- Don't have to be a witness against yourself (Pleading the fifth)
- No Double Jeopardy – can't be put on trial twice for the same crime.

Amendment 6



- Establishes a number of rights of the defendant in a criminal trial:
- The right to a speedy and public trial
- The right to trial by an impartial jury
- The right to be informed of criminal charges
- The right to confront witnesses
- The right to compel witnesses to appear in court
- The right to assistance of counsel

Amendment 7



- Rights in civil cases
- The value in controversy shall exceed a certain amount of money
- The right of trial by jury shall be preserved
- No fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court.

Amendment 8

- No excess bail or fines, cruel and unusual punishment

Amendment 9

- Protects people's rights not in the Constitution.

Amendment 10

- Powers retained by the states and the people
- Any powers not in the Constitution fall under the States or the people.

