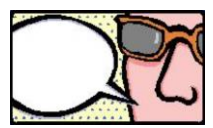


The following are **amendments** (changes) to the U.S. Constitution:

★ Amendments 1-10 are called **THE BILL OF RIGHTS**.

1ST AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791



SPEECH



PRESS



RELIGION



ASSEMBLY
(people gathering in a group)



PETITION
(to sign your name to a piece of paper saying that you want to change something about a law or the government)

Freedom of . . .

2ND AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791

You have the right to **bear arms**

(own a gun).



3RD AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791



Soldiers cannot live in your house without your permission.

4TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791

The police/government cannot search you or your stuff (or take it) without a really good reason and/or permission from the court.



5TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791

You have the right to not say anything to the police. You also have the right to not answer a question in court if it makes you look guilty.

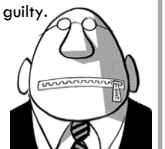


The government cannot use your property without paying you for it.



You cannot be arrested 2 times for something you did once.

If you are arrested, the government must follow the rules.



6TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791

For a **criminal trial**, you have the right:

to a **speedy trial**



to know **why** you are arrested



to have a **jury**



to have a **lawyer**



to hear what the **witnesses** (people) against you say, ask them questions, AND to have witnesses that can help prove your innocence



★ In a criminal trial, a person goes to jail if found guilty.

7TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791

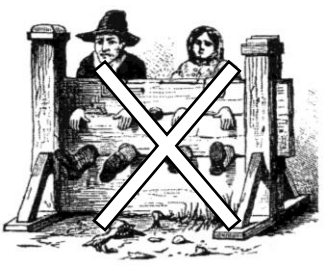
You have the right to a **jury** in a **civil trial** if someone is suing you for more than \$20.



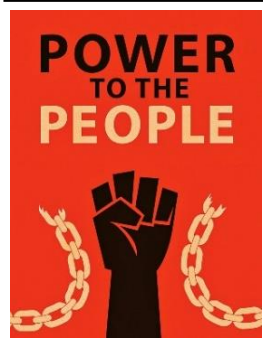
★ In a civil trial, a person does not go to jail if found guilty. He or she must only pay \$.

8TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791

No cruel and unusual punishment AND bail cannot be too high (the \$ you pay to get out of jail before trial).



9TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791



The rights listed in the Constitution are not the only rights we have. (The Constitution does not list them all.)

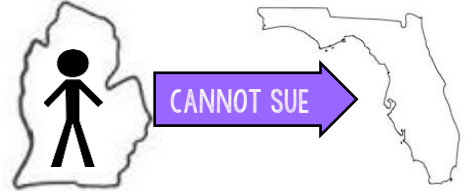
10TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1791

The government only has the powers listed in the Constitution. All other powers are for the states & the people.



11TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1795

A citizen **cannot sue a state** in federal court if he or she **does not live** in that state.



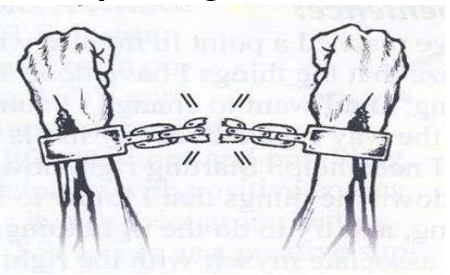
12TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1804

The **Electoral College** represents the citizens of each state by voting for the President & Vice-President. Each state has a set number of electoral votes based on how many people live in the state.



13TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1865

Slavery is illegal.



14TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1868

All people born in the U.S. and all people naturalized (born in another country but who become citizens) cannot have their rights as citizens taken away by the government.



15TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1870

No one can stop a citizen from voting because of his skin color or race.



16TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1913

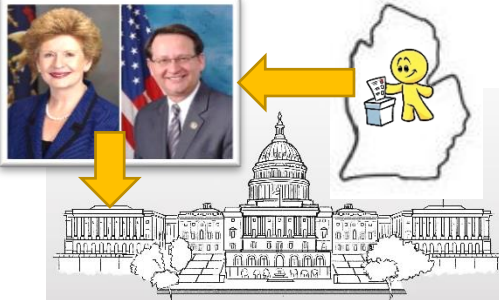
GOVERNMENT



Congress has the power to collect **income tax** (tax on the \$ you make from your job).

17TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1913

Citizens will elect **2 senators** from each state for 6-year terms.



18TH AMENDMENT

- RATIFIED 1919
- REPEALED 1933

It is **illegal** to make, sell, drink, or transport **alcohol**.



19TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1920

Women have the right to vote.



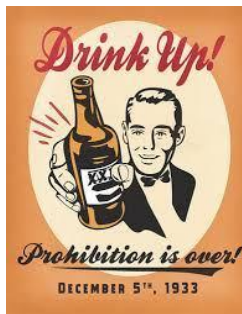
20TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1933

The new president will take office on January 20 and the new members of Congress will take office on January 3.



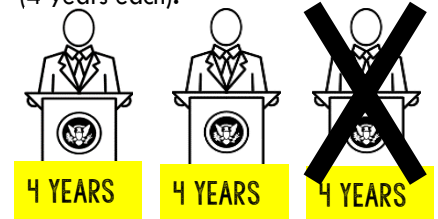
21ST AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1933

The **18TH amendment is repealed** (canceled).



22ND AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1951

The President of the United States can only serve **2 terms** (4 years each).



23RD AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1961

Citizens in **Washington DC** can vote for President.



24TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1964



Citizens can vote **without** paying a poll tax.

25TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1967

If the President cannot act as President anymore (sickness, death, removal from office), the **Vice-President will become the President**.



26TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1971

All citizens can vote at **age 18** (previously 21).



27TH AMENDMENT - RATIFIED 1992

Any law that changes the **pay** for members of Congress will not start until their next term.



