

## **Amendments to the U.S. Constitution**

The U.S. Constitution has been amended 27 times.

**Amendment 1:** guaranteed freedom of religion, speech, the press, assembly, petition

**Amendment 2:** gave people the right to bear arms

**Amendment 3:** prohibited unlawful forced housing of soldiers in private homes

**Amendment 4:** outlawed unreasonable search and arrest

**Amendment 5:** identified some rights in criminal cases

**Amendment 6:** established right to fair and speedy trial

**Amendment 7:** gave right to jury trial in civil cases

**Amendment 8:** limited bails, fines, and punishments

**Amendment 9:** said government could not violate rights not mentioned in Constitution

**Amendment 10:** said states or people keep rights not granted to government by Constitution

**Amendment 11:** prohibited a citizen of one state from suing another state in federal court

**Amendment 12:** established procedure for electing president and vice president

**Amendment 13:** abolished slavery

**Amendment 14:** identified terms of citizenship

**Amendment 15:** gave right to vote regardless of race

**Amendment 16:** gave Congress power to collect income taxes

**Amendment 17:** gave power to elect senators to people

**Amendment 18:** began prohibition of liquor

**Amendment 19:** gave women right to vote

**Amendment 20:** established terms of president, vice president, and Congress

**Amendment 21:** ended prohibition

**Amendment 22:** set term limit for president

**Amendment 23:** gave D.C. people right to presidential vote

**Amendment 24:** outlawed charging taxes to vote

**Amendment 25:** made vice president acting president if president is disabled

**Amendment 26:** gave right to vote to 18-year-olds

**Amendment 27:** delayed congressional salary increases until after election