

Amending the Constitution

What is an Amendment?

- The _____ knew they could not predict the future or write a perfect document
- Therefore the Constitution provides a process for _____ to it
- An amendment is a _____ or _____ to the Constitution's written words

How is an Amendment Proposed?

- An Amendment can be _____ in 2 ways:
 - by Congress by a _____ in both houses.
 - at a national _____ called by Congress when requested by 2/3 of the State legislatures.

How is an Amendment Ratified?

- Amendments to the Constitution must be _____ or approved
- They can be ratified in _____ ways:
 - by _____ of the State legislatures
 - by _____ in 3/4 of the States

The Informal Amendment Process

- Process through which _____ have been made to the Constitution over time without changing the _____ words of the document
- Examples of this include:
 - Congressional Legislation (_____)
 - Presidential (_____) Action
 - _____ Court Decisions
 - _____ Party Practices
 - _____

The Amendments

- There have been _____ Amendments to the Constitution
- The 1st 10 are known as the _____ and were ratified in 1791
- The last was in _____

Amendment	Action it Took	Year Ratified