

Constitutional Amendments

Since the Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution in 1791, only seventeen other amendments have been made to the Constitution.

- Eleventh Amendment (1795): Says that citizens from one state cannot sue the government of another state in federal court
- Twelfth Amendment (1804): Changes the way the president and vice president are elected
- Thirteenth Amendment (1865): Ended slavery in parts of the United States
- Fourteenth Amendment (1868): Protects the rights of all citizens, regardless of race or color
- Fifteenth Amendment (1870): Gives all male citizens the right to vote
- Sixteenth Amendment (1913): Gives Congress the right to tax the personal income of citizens
- Seventeenth Amendment (1913): Changed Senate elections to a direct vote by the people
- Eighteenth Amendment (1919): Outlawed the making, sale, and transportation of alcoholic beverages (This was called Prohibition.)
- Nineteenth Amendment (1920): Gives women the right to vote
- Twentieth Amendment (1933): Changes the starting date of the terms of elected office
- Twenty-first Amendment (1933): Canceled Prohibition and let the states make their own laws about alcoholic beverages
- Twenty-second Amendment (1951): Says that presidents may not serve more than two terms
- Twenty-third Amendment (1961): Gives the residents of the District of Columbia the right to vote in presidential elections
- Twenty-fourth Amendment (1964): Outlawed poll taxes (tax you had to pay in order to vote)
- Twenty-fifth Amendment (1967): Allows the president to temporarily not serve as president in case of health or other reasons; the vice president temporarily serves as president
- Twenty-sixth Amendment (1971): Changed the voting age from twenty-one years of age to eighteen years of age
- Twenty-seventh Amendment (1992): Limits how Congress can raise its pay

Answer the Following

1. Which amendment allowed all male citizens to vote? _____
2. Which amendment allowed all female citizens to vote? _____
How many years did this happen after all U.S. men had the right to vote? _____
3. Why do you think the Twenty-fourth Amendment is important? _____

4. Which amendment seems most important to you? Why? _____

