

1 AMENDMENT [XI.] The Judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend  
2 to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by Citizens  
3 of another State, or by Citizens or Subjects of any Foreign State.

4 AMENDMENT [XII.] The Electors shall meet in their respective states and vote by ballot for  
5 President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state  
6 with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in  
7 distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists of all  
8 persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice- President, and of the  
9 number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat  
10 of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate;—The President  
11 of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the  
12 certificates and the votes shall then be counted;— The person having the greatest Number of  
13 votes for President, shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of  
14 Electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the  
15 highest numbers not exceeding three on the list of those voted for as President, the House of  
16 Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the  
17 President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one  
18 vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the  
19 states, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. And if the House of  
20 Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon  
21 them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice-President shall act as  
22 President as in the case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President—The  
23 person having the greatest number of votes as Vice-President, shall be the Vice-President, if  
24 such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed, and if no person have a  
25 majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice

1 President; a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators,  
2 and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice. But no person  
3 constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice- President of  
4 the United States.

5 AMENDMENT [XIII.] SECTION 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a  
6 punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the  
7 United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

8 SECTION 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

9 AMENDMENT [XIV.] SECTION. 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States and  
10 subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein  
11 they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or  
12 immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life,  
13 liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction  
14 the equal protection of the laws.

15 SECTION. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their  
16 respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians  
17 not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and  
18 Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial  
19 officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male  
20 inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any  
21 way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation  
22 therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to  
23 the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

24 SECTION. 3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President  
25 and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State,

1 who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States,  
2 or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the  
3 Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same,  
4 or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House,  
5 remove such disability.

6 SECTION. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including  
7 debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or  
8 rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or  
9 pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States,  
10 or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims  
11 shall be held illegal and void.

12 SECTION. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the  
13 provisions of this article.

14 AMENDMENT XV. SECTION. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be  
15 denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous  
16 condition of servitude.

17 SECTION. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

18 AMENDMENT [XVI.] The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes,  
19 from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without  
20 regard to any census or enumeration.

21 AMENDMENT [XVII.] The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from  
22 each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote.  
23 The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most  
24 numerous branch of the State legislatures. When vacancies happen in the representation of  
25 any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill

1 such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof  
2 to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature  
3 may direct. This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any  
4 Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.

5 AMENDMENT [XVIII.] SECTION. 1. After one year from the ratification of this article the  
6 manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into,  
7 or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction  
8 thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

9 SECTION. 2. The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this  
10 article by appropriate legislation.

11 SECTION. 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment  
12 to the Constitution , as provided in the Constitution,  
13 within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

14 AMENDMENT [XIX.] The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or  
15 abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to  
16 enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

17 AMENDMENT [XX.] SECTION. 1. The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at  
18 noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon  
19 on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had  
20 not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

21 SECTION. 2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall  
22 begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

23 SECTION. 3. If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President  
24 elect shall have died, the Vice President elect shall become President. If a President shall not  
25 have been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, or if the President elect

1 shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice President elect shall act as President until a President  
2 shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a  
3 President elect nor a Vice President elect shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as  
4 President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act  
5 accordingly until a President or Vice-President shall have qualified.

6 SECTION. 4. The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death of any of the persons  
7 from whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right of choice  
8 shall have devolved upon them, and for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom  
9 the Senate may choose a Vice President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon  
10 them.

11 SECTION. 5. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on the 15th day of October following the  
12 ratification of this article.

13 SECTION. 6. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an  
14 amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within  
15 seven years from the date of its submission.

16 AMENDMENT [XXI.], SECTION. 1. The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of  
17 the United States is hereby repealed

18 SECTION. 2. The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the  
19 United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof,  
20 is hereby prohibited.

21 SECTION. 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an  
22 amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the  
23 Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the  
24 Congress.

25 AMENDMENT [XXII.] SECTION. 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President

1 more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for  
2 more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be  
3 elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any  
4 person holding the office of President, when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall  
5 not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President,  
6 during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President  
7 or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

8 SECTION. 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an  
9 amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within  
10 seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.

11 AMENDMENT [XXIII.] SECTION. 1. The District constituting the seat of Government of the  
12 United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct: A number of electors of  
13 President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in  
14 Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than  
15 the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the States, but they  
16 shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be  
17 electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as  
18 provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

19 SECTION. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

20 AMENDMENT [XXIV.] SECTION. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any  
21 primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice  
22 President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the  
23 United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

24 SECTION. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

25 AMENDMENT [XXV.] SECTION. 1. In case of the removal of the President from office or of his



1 death or resignation, the Vice-President shall become President.

2 SECTION 2. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall  
3 nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both  
4 Houses of Congress.

5 SECTION 3. Whenever the President transmits to the President pro-tempore of the Senate and the  
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives has written declaration that he is unable to discharge the  
7 powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary,  
8 such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

9 SECTION 4. Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principle officers of the  
10 executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the  
11 President Pro-Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their  
12 written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office,  
13 the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

14 Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker  
15 of the House of Representatives has written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the  
16 powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principle  
17 officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide,  
18 transmit within four days to the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
19 of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers  
20 and duties of his office.

21 Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose  
22 if not in session. If the Congress, within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration,  
23 or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble,  
24 determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and  
25 duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President;

1 otherwise the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.

2 AMENDMENT XXVI. SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of  
3 age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account  
4 of Age.

5 SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

6 AMENDMENT XXVII. No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and  
7 Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

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