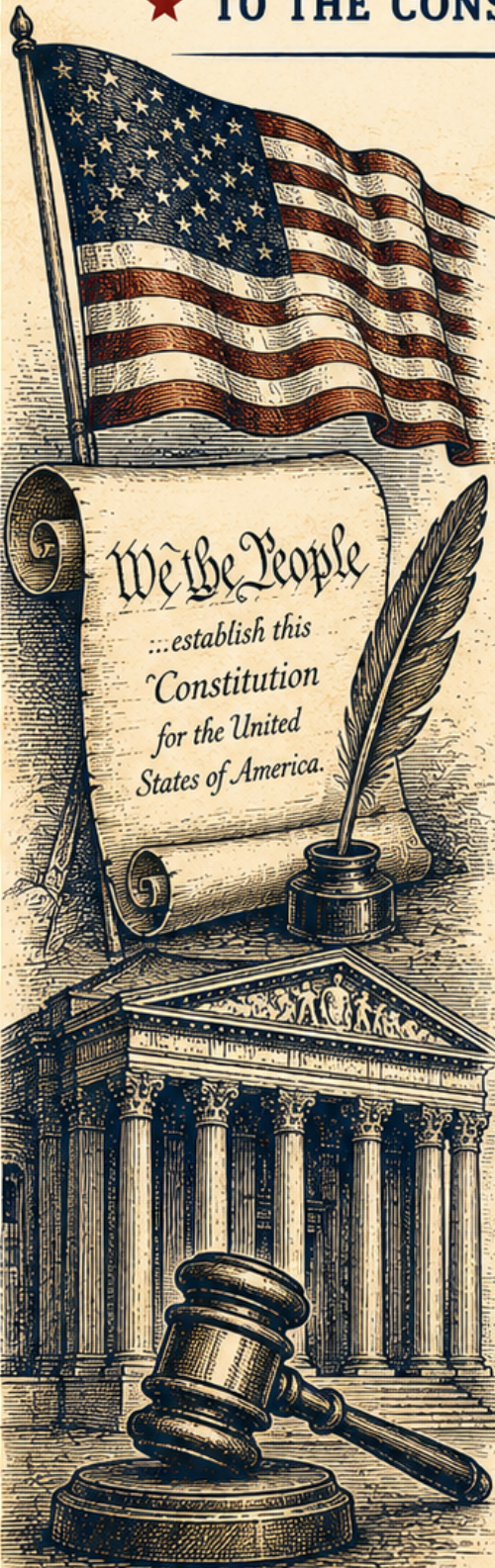


# ★ THE BILL OF RIGHTS ★

## ★ THE FIRST TEN AMENDMENTS ★ ★ TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES ★



1<sup>ST</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** Protects five fundamental freedoms: freedom of religion, speech, the press, peaceful assembly, and the right to petition the government.

2<sup>ND</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** Protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

3<sup>RD</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** Prevents the government from forcing citizens to house (quarter) soldiers in their private homes during peacetime.

4<sup>TH</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** Protects citizens from unreasonable searches and seizures, requiring law enforcement to obtain a warrant based on probable cause.

5<sup>TH</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** Guarantees the right to a grand jury, protects against double jeopardy (being tried twice for the same crime), prevents self-incrimination, ensures due process of law, and requires the government to pay just compensation if it takes private property.

6<sup>TH</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** Guarantees the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury in criminal cases, the right to be informed of the charges, and the right to legal counsel.

7<sup>TH</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** Guarantees the right to a jury trial in federal civil (non-criminal) lawsuits.

8<sup>TH</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** Prohibits the federal government from imposing excessive bail, excessive fines, or cruel and unusual punishments.

9<sup>TH</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** Clarifies that the rights of the people are not limited strictly to those specifically written in the Constitution.

10<sup>TH</sup>

**AMENDMENT:** States that any powers not explicitly given to the federal government by the Constitution are reserved for the states or to the people.