


THE AMENDMENTS

TO THE


★ CONSTITUTION ★

CHANGES MADE TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS

★ THE BILL OF RIGHTS – THE FIRST 10 AMENDMENTS ★

1  FREEDOM OF RELIGION, SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY, AND PETITION.


2  THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS.

3  NO SOLDIERS QUARTERED IN YOUR HOME IN PEACETIME.

4  PROTECTION FROM UNREASONABLE SEARCHES AND SEIZURES.


5  RIGHTS IN CRIMINAL CASES, DUE PROCESS, AND PROTECTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

6  RIGHT TO A SPEEDY AND FAIR TRIAL, A JURY, AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

7  RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN CIVIL CASES.


8  NO EXCESSIVE BAIL, FINES, OR CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT.

9  PEOPLE HAVE RIGHTS BEYOND THOSE WRITTEN IN THE CONSTITUTION.

10  POWERS NOT GIVEN TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE RESERVED TO THE STATES OR THE PEOPLE.


★ 11–27: ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS AND RIGHTS ★


11-15  PROTECTS VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL CITIZENS.

16-17  ALLOWS A FEDERAL INCOME TAX. SENATORS ARE CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE.


18-21  PROHIBITS, THEN ENDS, ALCOHOL PROHIBITION.

22  LIMITS THE PRESIDENT TO TWO TERMS.

23-24  GIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. VOTING REPRESENTATION AND BANS POLL TAXES.

25  SETS RULES FOR WHEN THE PRESIDENT CAN NO LONGER SERVE AND WHO TAKES OVER.

26 **18**  SETS THE MINIMUM VOTING AGE AT 18.

27  NO LAWMAKERS CAN CHANGE THEIR PAY DURING THEIR TIME IN OFFICE.

★ WHY AMENDMENTS MATTER ★

The Amendments ensure that our Constitution can grow and change to meet the needs of a free people while keeping our liberties safe for generations to come.

ONE CONSTITUTION. MANY PROTECTIONS. YOUR FREEDOM.

The Constitution can be amended. These Amendments protect the rights and liberties of the people.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

