

List of Amendments to the United States Constitution

No.	Subject	Date ratification completed
1st	Prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion, abridging the freedom of speech, infringing on the freedom of the press, interfering with the right to peaceably assemble or prohibiting the petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
2nd	Protects the right to keep and bear arms.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
3rd	Places restrictions on the quartering of soldiers in private homes without the owner's consent, prohibiting it during peacetime.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
4th	Prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures and sets out requirements for search warrants based on probable cause as determined by a neutral judge or magistrate.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
5th	Sets out rules for indictment by grand jury and eminent domain, protects the right to due process, and prohibits self-incrimination and double jeopardy.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
6th	Protects the right to a fair and speedy public trial by jury, including the rights to be notified of the accusations, to confront the accuser, to obtain witnesses and to retain counsel.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
7th	Provides for the right to trial by jury in certain civil cases, according to common law.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
8th	Prohibits excessive fines and excessive bail, as well as cruel and unusual punishment.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
9th	Protects rights not enumerated in the Constitution.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
10th	Reinforces the principle of federalism by stating that the federal government possesses only those powers delegated to it by the states or the people through the Constitution.	<i>December 15, 1791</i>
11th	Makes states immune from suits from out-of-state citizens and foreigners not living within the state borders; lays the foundation for sovereign immunity.	<i>February 7, 1795</i>
12th	Revises presidential election procedures.	<i>June 15, 1804</i>
13th	Abolishes slavery, and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime.	<i>December 6, 1865</i>
14th	Defines citizenship, contains the Privileges or Immunities Clause, the Due Process Clause, the Equal Protection Clause, and deals with post-Civil War issues.	<i>July 9, 1868</i>
15th	Prohibits the denial of the right to vote based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude.	<i>February 3, 1870</i>

16th	Permits Congress to levy an income tax without apportioning it among the states or basing it on the United States Census.	<i>February 3, 1913</i>
17th	Establishes the direct election of United States Senators by popular vote.	<i>April 8, 1913</i>
18th	Prohibited the manufacturing or sale of alcohol within the United States. (Repealed December 5, 1933)	<i>January 16, 1919</i>
19th	Prohibits the denial of the right to vote based on sex.	<i>August 18, 1920</i>
20th	Changes the date on which the terms of the President and Vice President (January 20) and Senators and Representatives (January 3) end and begin.	<i>January 23, 1933</i>
21st	Repeals the 18th Amendment and gives the States the power to prohibit or regulate the transportation or importation of alcohol for delivery or use.	<i>December 5, 1933</i>
22nd	Limits the number of times that a person can be elected president: a person cannot be elected president more than twice, and a person who has served more than two years of a term to which someone else was elected cannot be elected more than once.	<i>February 27, 1951</i>
23rd	Grants the District of Columbia electors (the number of electors being equal to the least populous state) in the Electoral College.	<i>March 29, 1961</i>
24th	Prohibits the revocation of voting rights due to the non-payment of a poll tax or any other tax.	<i>January 23, 1964</i>
25th	Addresses succession to the Presidency and establishes procedures both for filling a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, as well as responding to Presidential disabilities.	<i>February 10, 1967</i>
26th	Prohibits the denial of the right of US citizens, eighteen years of age or older, to vote on account of age.	<i>July 1, 1971</i>
27th	Delays laws affecting Congressional salary from taking effect until after the next election of representatives.	<i>May 7, 1992</i>