

Basic Features of the Constitutional Amendments

Flash Cards– One card for each provision listed below.

Title side = Amendment # (example: Amendment 1)

Side 2 = Provision (example: Religion: no established or official religion)

Write your name on the top left of the title side of your first card.

Number the cards consecutively (**do not** start over with each amendment) on the top right of the title side.

Put a rubber band around the cards. Make sure the numbers are in order.

Religion: no established or official religion

Religion: freedom of expression

Freedom of speech

Freedom of the press

Freedom of assembly

Right to petition government for remedies

To maintain a militia: right to bear arms

No quartering of troops in private homes--peacetime

Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures

Required warrant based on probable cause for searches

Required indictment for federal criminal cases

No double jeopardy--federal cases

Protection against self-incrimination--federal cases

Required due process of law in all federal criminal cases

Compensation required for public use of private property (eminent domain)

Right to a speedy and public trial--federal criminal cases

Right to trial by jury in State where crime committed--federal cases

Right to be informed of charge against you--federal criminal cases

Right to cross-examine hostile witnesses against you--federal criminal cases

Right to require the testimony of witnesses in your favor--federal criminal cases

Right to a lawyer (counsel) --federal criminal cases

Federal civil cases--right to a jury trial if amount is over \$20

No cruel or unusual punishment/no excessive bail

People may have rights not specifically mentioned in Constitution

Powers not delegated to federal government belong to the States and/or people

States can't be sued by citizens in federal courts.

Electoral College system /separate ballots for Pres. and V.Pres.

No slavery

States must guarantee due process of law.

States must guarantee equal protection of the laws.

Right to vote can't be denied because of race or national origin

Income tax can be assessed without regard to census.

Popular election of U.S. Senators. in Statewide elections

Prohibition of intoxicating liquors

Right to vote for women

Congressional/Presidential terms begin in January instead of March

President-elect--provisions for death/removal before term of office begins

Repeal of prohibition

Restriction of President to two full terms (8 years) or no more than a total of 10 years (if V.P. takes over an unfinished term).

3 Electors for the District of Columbia.

No poll tax may be charged to vote in federal elections

V.P. takes over if Pres. dies, resigns or is removed from office

Vacancy in V.P. filled by Presidential nomination and approval by majority of both Senate and House.

During Presidential disability--V.P. becomes "Acting President"

Right to vote for 18 year olds.

Congressional pay raise cannot be applied during the term in which it was passed.