

**THE  
CONSTITUTION OF  
THE UNITED  
STATES**

# **Article I**

# **Legislative**

# **Branch**

# **Section 1 Congress**

- **Congress will make all laws**
- **Divided into 2 houses**
  - **Senate (upper house)**
  - **House (lower house)**

# **Section 2 House of Reps**

- **Term of Office 2 Years**
- **Qualifications 25 yrs/7 yrs  
cit/live in district**
- **Census – Reapportionment**
- **Governor Re-appoints  
vacancy**
- **Elect Speaker of House**
- **Power to impeach**

# **Section 3 Senate**

- **2 each state**
- **35 yrs old – 9 yrs cit. – Live St.**
- **VP is Pres of Senate  
Votes in case of ties**
- **Try impeachment 2/3 convict**
  - **Chief Justice is judge**
  - **Remove from office only**

## **Section 4**

- **Elections determine by States**
- **Assemble once year**
- **Each House determines own rules**

# **Section 5 Congressional Rules**

- **Each house determines**
  - **Own elections & Rules**
- **Keep journal**
- **Need quorum to meet**
- **Can't adjourn more than 3 days without permission of other house**

# **Section 6 Privileges and Restrictions**

- **No arrests on way to Congress.**
- **Only Serve in one House (No other office)**
- **Pay**



## **Section 7 Bills Become Laws**

- **Money bills start in House**
- **House raises money**
- **Pass House and Senate**
- **President must sign**
- **2/3 Override Pres. Veto**
- **If Pres neither signs nor vetoes, the bill becomes law**

# **Section 8 Powers of Congress**

- **House Raise Money**
- **Tax and Pay debts**
- **Borrow Money**
- **Regulate Commerce**
- **Naturalization**
- **Bankruptcy**
- **Coin money**

# **Section 8 Pwr of Cong *Continued***

- **Punish counterfeiters**
- **Establish Post Office & Roads**
- **Promote Science**
- **Patents and Copyrights**
- **Declare War**
- **Army and Navy**
- **Military Courts**

# **Section 8 Power of Congress** **Continued**

- **Call up militia**
- **Train Militia**
- **District of Columbia**
- **Elastic Clause**
  - **Do what ever is necessary and proper**

# **Section 9 Power forbidden to Congress**

- **No restrictions on Writs of Habeus Corpus**
- **No Bills of Attainder**
- **No Ex Post Facto laws**
- **No Export Taxes**

# **Section 9 Power forbidden to Congress (continued)**

- **No State Favorites**
- **Only spend money if law is passed**
- **No Titles or Nobility**
- **No new slaves after 1808**

# **Section 10 Powers forbidden to the states**

- **No Treaties other nations**
- **No coining money**
- **No Ex Post Facto / Bills Attainder**
- **No import duties**
- **No State Army**

# **Article II**

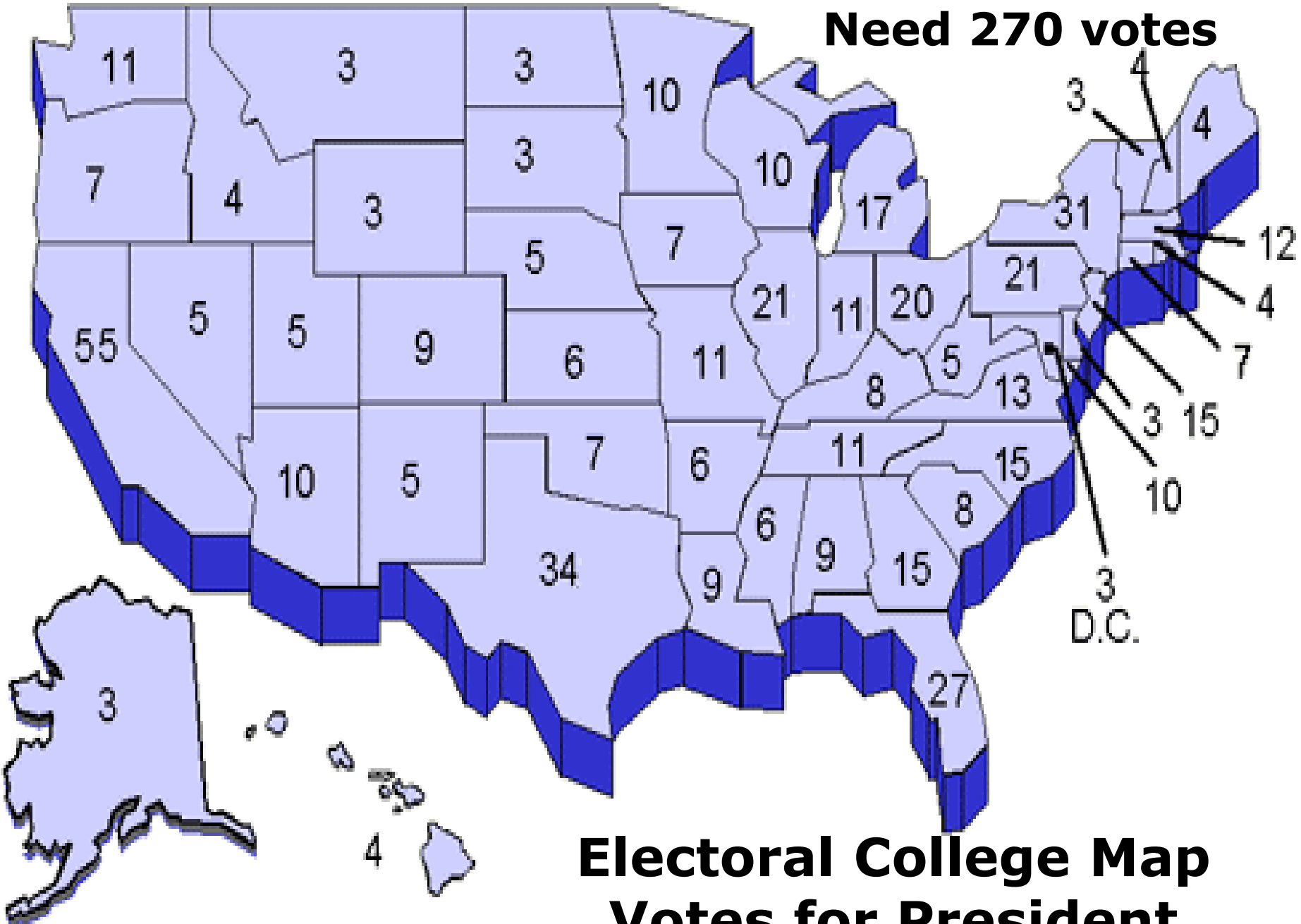
# **The Executive Branch**



# **Section I President & Vice President**

- **Term of office (4 yrs)**
- **Duties**
- **Electors and Electoral College**
- **Pay**
- **Oath of Office**

**Need 270 votes**



**Electoral College Map  
Votes for President**

# **Section 1 (continued)**

- **Qualifications**
  - **35 yrs old**
  - **Born in U.S.**
  - **Reside 14 years**
- **Changed by 25 amendment**
- **Changed by 12 amendment**

## **Section 2 Power of the Pres.**

- **Commander in chief,**
- **Pardons and Reprieves**
- **Heads all gov. departments**
- **Make treaties**
- **Appoint Supreme Court**
- **Appoint Other offices**

## **Section 3 Other Pres. Powers**

- **Call Congress into session**
- **Deliver State of the Union**

## **Section 4 Impeachment**

- **Can be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors**

# **Article III**

## **Judicial Branch**

# **Section 1**

## **Establishes Supreme Court**

- **Congress creates inferior courts as needed**

# **Section 2 Judicial Power**

- **Settles disputes regarding:**
  - **Constitution**
  - **Foreign countries**
  - **Interstate disputes**



## **Section 3**

- **Defines Treason**
- **Defines punishments**

# Judicial Review

- **Chief Justice John Marshall declared a law passed by Congress was unconstitutional**
- **Supreme Court could strike down laws that did not follow the Constitution**

# **Article IV**

## **Relations Among the States**

# **Section 1 Recognize each others acts**

- **Each state must accept the laws of other states**
- **Respect each others records and court decisions**

## **Section 2 Citizen rights in other states**

- **In another state you have rights of those citizens**
- **Can be extradited for crimes**
- **13 amendment changed**

**Slaves and indentured servants could not escape to another state**

## **Section 3 New States**

- **Congress admits**
- **Congress gives or sells public land**

## **Section 4 republican Gov.**

- **Every state guaranteed republican form of government**

# **Article V**

## **Amending the Constitution**

# Art 5

## *Propose change*

- **2 / 3 both houses of congress**
- **2 / 3 states ask for convention**

## *Ratify change*

- **3 / 4 State governments**
- **3 / 4 States in convention**



# **Article VI**

## **National Supremacy**

## **Art VI**

- **All debts and treaties made by congress are binding**
- **Constitution is highest law of the land**
- **Federal and State officials must support constitution**

# **Article VII**

## **Ratification**

**When 9 states ratify the constitution it is the law of the land.**

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