

**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

- **Terms of Office**
- **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 Protem Senate
- Try impeachment 2/3 convict
- Chief Justice is judge
- Remove from office

## Section 4

- Elections determine by St.
- Assemble once year
- Each House determines own rules

# Section 5 Congressional Rules

- Each house determines
  - Own elections
  - Rules
- Keep journal
- Can't adjourn more than 3 days

# Section 6 Privileges and Restrictions

- **No arrests on way to Cong.**
- **Only Serve in 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

# 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 importation of slaves after 1808**
- **No Writs of Habeus Corpus**
- **No Bills of Attainder**
- **No Ex Post Facto laws**
- **No Export Tax**

# Section 9 Power forbidden to Congress (continued)

- **No State Favorites**
- **Only spend money if law is passed**
- **No Titles or Nobility**

# Section 10 Powers forbidden to the states

- **No Treaties**
- **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

# 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  
and inferior courts**

# Section 2 Judicial Power

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

## Section 3

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



# Article IV

## 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 States ratify
- 3 / 4 states in convention ratify

# 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 is the law of the land.