

# Congress OF THE United States

begun and held at the City of New York, on  
Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

THE Convention of members of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction  
of its power; that further declaring and restrictive clauses should be added; And as attending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the benefit and  
**RESOLVED** by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses  
concurring that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all or any of which Articles, when ratified by three fourths of the  
said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution; viz<sup>z</sup>  
**ARTICLES** in addition to, and amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures  
of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution.  
*Article the first*.... After the first enumeration required by the first Article of the Constitution, there shall be one Representative for every thirty thousand, until the number shall amount to one hundred; after  
which the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall not be less than one hundred Representatives, nor less than one Representative for every fifty thousand persons;  
until the number of Representatives shall amount to two hundred, after which the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress, that there shall not be less than two hundred Representatives,  
nor less than one Representative for every fifty thousand persons.  
*Article the second*.... Congress, whenever they shall be assembled in regular Session, shall choose one or more Clauses, who shall hold Office until an Election of Representatives shall have intervened.  
*Article the third*.... Congress shall hold its first meeting on the first Monday in October, next after the first Wednesday in January, and shall continue to sit from time to time, as they shall be called together,  
but no longer than for a short Session.  
*Article the fourth*.... A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.  
*Article the fifth*.... No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and seven Years, before he comes into Office, but no Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years,  
and seven Years, before he comes into Office, nor shall any Person be a Representative who shall not, when elected, have seven Years Residence in that State: nor shall any Person be a Representative who shall not, when elected, have been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, nor two Years a Citizen of the State in which he shall be when elected: but no Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, have been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, nor two Years a Citizen of the State in which he shall be when elected: but no Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, have been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, nor two Years a Citizen of the State in which he shall be when elected.  
*Article the sixth*.... The Senators and Representatives shall be elected by the People of the several States, in the Manner which the Legislature of each State shall direct.  
*Article the seventh*.... The Compensation of the Senators and Representatives shall be ascertained by Law, and shall not be increased or diminished during the Term for which they shall be elected.  
*Article the eighth*.... No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he shall be elected, be appointed to any civil Office under the Authority of the United States.  
*Article the ninth*.... The Senators and Representatives shall be elected by the People of the several States, in the Manner which the Legislature of each State shall direct.  
*Article the tenth*.... The Compensation of the Senators and Representatives shall be ascertained by Law, and shall not be increased or diminished during the Term for which they shall be elected.  
*Article the eleventh*.... The Senators and Representatives shall be elected by the People of the several States, in the Manner which the Legislature of each State shall direct.  
*Article the twelfth*.... The Compensation of the Senators and Representatives shall be ascertained by Law, and shall not be increased or diminished during the Term for which they shall be elected.

ATTEST:

Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
John Adams, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate

John Beckley, Clerk of the House of Representatives  
James B. Beall, Secretary of the Senate.

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