

# Amending the U. S. Constitution

## How long does it really take to ratify an Amendment?

Amendment	Description	Date Proposed	Date Ratified	Months to Ratify
1	Freedom of religion, speech, and the press; Rights of assembly and petition for redress of grievances	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
2	Right to bear arms	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
3	Housing of soldiers	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
4	Search and arrest warrants	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
5	Rights in criminal cases	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
6	Rights to a fair trial	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
7	Rights in civil cases	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
8	Bails, fines, and punishments	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
9	Rights retained by the People	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
10	Powers retained by the States and the People	9/25/1789	12/15/1791	27
11	Lawsuits against States	3/4/1794	2/7/1795	11
12	Election of President and Vice-President	12/9/1803	6/15/1804	7
13	Abolition of slavery	1/31/1865	12/6/1865	11
14	Civil rights	6/13/1866	7/9/1868	25
15	Black voting rights	2/26/1869	2/3/1870	12
16	Income taxes	6/12/1909	2/3/1913	56
17	Direct election of Senators	5/13/1912	4/8/1913	11
18	Prohibition of liquor (Repealed by the 21st Amendment)	12/18/1917	1/16/1919	13
19	Women's voting rights	6/4/1919	8/18/1920	14
20	Terms of the President and Congress	3/2/1932	1/23/1933	11
21	Repeal of prohibition of liquor (See 18th Amendment)	2/20/1933	12/5/1933	10
22	Limitation of Presidents to two terms	3/24/1947	2/27/1951	47
23	Voting rights in the District of Columbia	6/16/1960	3/29/1961	10
24	Poll taxes	8/27/1962	1/23/1964	17
25	Presidential disability and succession	7/6/1965	2/10/1967	32
26	Voting rights for 18 year olds	3/12/1971	7/1/1971	5
27	Restrictions on Congressional salaries	9/25/1789	5/7/1992	2,457