

Bill of Rights

Articles in Amendment

Adopted by the Union States – 15 December 1791

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...”Hosea 4:6

“We ought to obey God rather than men.”Acts 5:29

AMENDMENT I – Article *the First*:

Congress shall make no law:

- respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;
- or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press;
- or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

AMENDMENT II -- Article *the Second*:

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.**

AMENDMENT III – Article *the Third*:

No soldier shall, in time of peace

- be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner,

nor in time of war,

- but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

AMENDMENT IV – Article *the Fourth*:

The right of the people to be secure

- in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, **shall not be violated,**

and no warrants shall issue,

- but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation,
- and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

AMENDMENT V – Article *the Fifth*:

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime,

- unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury,
- except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger;

nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb;

nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself,

nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;

nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

AMENDMENT VI – Article *the Sixth*:

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy

- the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law,
- and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation;
- to be confronted with the witnesses against him;
- to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor,
- and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

AMENDMENT VII – Article *the Seventh*:

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars,

- the right of trial by jury shall be preserved,

and...

no fact tried by a jury,

- shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

AMENDMENT VIII – Article *the Eighth*:

- Excessive bail shall not be required,
- nor excessive fines imposed,
- nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

AMENDMENT IX – Article *the Ninth*:

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, **shall not be construed to deny or disparage others** retained by the people.

AMENDMENT X – Article *the Tenth*:

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States,

- are reserved to the States respectively,
- or to the people.

As provided in the FIRST TEN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES Effective December 15, 1791

Preamble to the bill of rights of the Constitution of the United States of America--Conventions of a number of States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will but ensure the beneficent ends of its institution RESOLVED...the following articles be ... part of the said Constitution;

“Proclaim Liberty Throughout All The Land Unto All The Inhabitants Thereof”

~*Inscription from the Liberty Bell, Book of Leviticus in 25:10*