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Amendment

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How to Amend the Constitution

Step 1

- A change to the
Constitution.

- We have 27 amendments

1-10 are the
Bill of Rights

To approve of something
or make it official

- The Constitution was ratified

- A new amendment must
be ratified

Amendment is proposed
by

$\frac{2}{3}$ vote in Congress

or

$\frac{2}{3}$ of state legislatures
in a Const. Convention

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Step 2

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Amendments of the Founding Fathers

After being proposed

$\frac{3}{4}$ of states must ratify
by state legislature

or

$\frac{3}{4}$ of states must ratify
in a state convention

- The founders wanted to make
it hard to change the Const.

- They created the amendment process
in Article 5, so Constitution could
adapt to times

- Once an amendment is ratified, any law
against it is unconstitutional