

*Constitutional Guidelines:  
Electing the President of the  
United States of America*



<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html>

U.S. National Archives and Records Administration website resource links for:

1. U.S. Constitutional provisions for Presidential election and Electoral College.
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## *Article Two of the Constitution:*

**1. Original provisions for the qualifications and election of the President, and for breaking a tie in the Electoral College.**

**2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_transcript.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_transcript.html)**



## *Amendment 12 of the Constitution:*

- 1. Supercedes the portion of Article Two, section one about the electors for the Electoral College.**
- 2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**





## *Amendment 14 of the Constitution:*

- 1. Section three specifies elector ineligibility.**
- 2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**



## *Amendment 15 of the Constitution:*

- 1. Rights of U.S. citizens can't be denied due to race, color, or previous condition of servitude.**
- 2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**



## *Amendment 19 of the Constitution:*

**1. Rights of U.S. citizens can't be denied due to sex.**

**2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**



## *Amendment 20 of the Constitution:*

**1. Specifies when the term of a newly elected President begins and conditions that affect it.**

**2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**





## *Amendment 22 of the Constitution:*

- 1. Limits the terms a President can serve.**
- 2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**



## *Amendment 23 of the Constitution:*

- 1. Gives Electoral College electors to the District of Columbia.**
- 2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**



## *Amendment 24 of the Constitution:*

**1. Makes the poll tax requirement unconstitutional.**

**2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**



## *Amendment 25 of the Constitution:*

- 1. Specifies provisions should a sitting President is no longer be able to serve.**
- 2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**





## *Amendment 26 of the Constitution:*

**1. Lowers the voting age to 18.**

**2. [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_amendments\\_11-27.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html)**



## *Why, What, Who?:*

- 1. Why did the Founding Fathers design Article Two provisions the way they did?**
- 2. What was the purpose and logic behind the later Amendments affecting the election of the President?**
- 3. Who is affected by not voting?**



## *Sources:*

1. <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/index.html>
2. <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html>
3. <http://www.usconstitution.net/constpix.html>

