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THE ORIGINAL CONSTITUTION



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We the People

Article 1

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted, shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and including Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.

Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for a Term of Years, and each Senator shall have one Vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in Consequence of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Classes. The first Class shall have the first Year of the first Term, the second Class the second Year, and the third Class the third Year.

Section 4. The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers, and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

Section 5. The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments.

Section 6. The House of Representatives shall be assembled at least once in every Year, and the Congress may adjourn for not more than two Months, and may meet on any day of the Month of January.

Section 7. The Senate shall have the sole Power to confirm or reject all Appointments of the President, and to confirm or reject all Treaties made by the President.

Section 8. The House of Representatives shall have the sole Power to impeach the President, and to impeach the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Section 9. The House of Representatives shall have the sole Power to propose and pass Bills of Attainder.

Section 10. No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States.

Section 11. The President shall have the Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for all Crimes and Offenses, except in Cases of Impeachment.

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