

Amending the Constitution

How do we change the
Constitution?

Step 1



Congress proposes a new amendment.



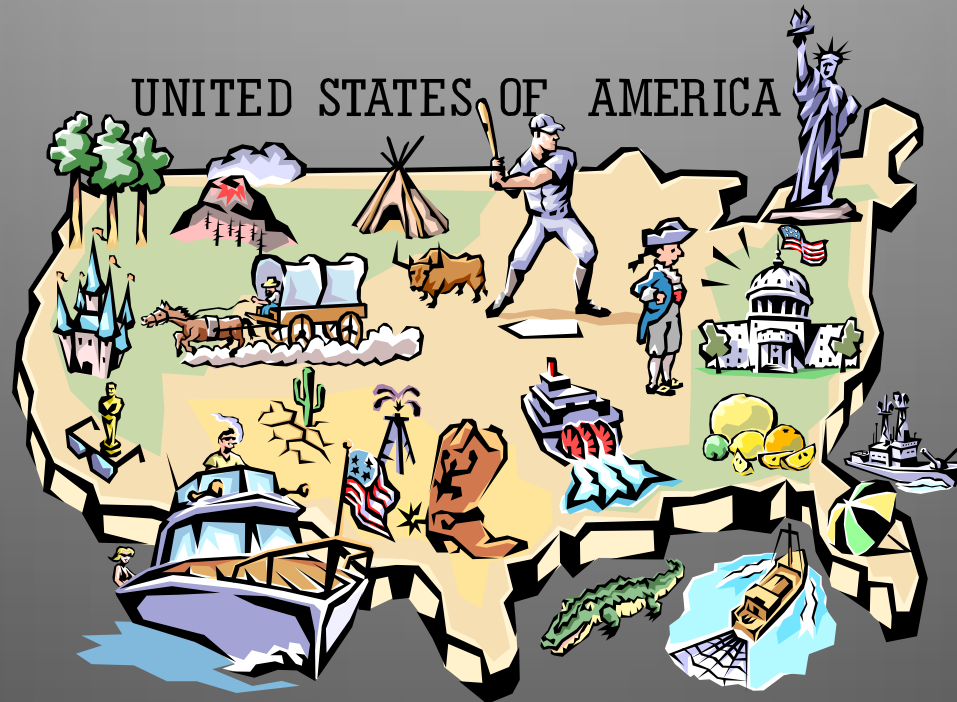
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pass the bill

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Step 2

Proposed amendment is sent to the states



Step 3

State legislatures choose
to ratify (accept) or reject the amendment



Step 4

$\frac{3}{4}$ of the states must ratify the amendment for it to be added to the Constitution



Why do so many people have to vote to amend the Constitution?



So that small groups cannot make changes that most people do not want!