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OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
WITH
THE AMENDMENTS THERETO;
TO WHICH ARE ADDED
JEFFERSON'S MANUAL OF PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE,
AND
THE STANDING RULES AND ORDERS
FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE
OF
THE UNITED STATES.

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CONSTITUTION

OF

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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CONSTITUTION.

We, the people of the United States, in order to ^{Preamble.}
form a more perfect union, establish justice,
insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the
common defence, promote the general welfare,
and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves
and our posterity, do ordain and establish
this Constitution for the United States of
America.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION I.

All legislative powers herein granted shall be ^{Congress.}
vested in a Congress of the United States, which
shall consist of a Senate and House of Repre-
sentatives.

SECTION II.

The House of Representatives shall be com- <sup>Representatives,
how chosen.</sup>
posed of members chosen every second year by
the people of the several States, and the electors
in each State shall have the qualifications requi-
site for electors of the most numerous branch of
the State legislature.

No person shall be a Representative who shall <sup>Qualification of
representatives.</sup>
not have attained the age of twenty-five years,
and been 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.

Apportionment
of representatives
and direct taxes.

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 excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons. The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct. The number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each State shall have at least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of *New Hampshire* shall be entitled to choose three, *Massachusetts* eight, *Rhode Island and Providence Plantations* one, *Connecticut* five, *New York* six, *New Jersey* four, *Pennsylvania* eight, *Delaware* one, *Maryland* six, *Virginia* ten, *North Carolina* five, *South Carolina* five, and *Georgia* three.

Census every ten
years.

Vacancies, how
filled.

When vacancies happen in the representation from any State, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

Representatives
choose officers
and bring im-
peachments.

The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other officers; and shall have the sole power of impeachment.

SECTION III.

Senate, how
chosen.

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the legislature thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in Senators classed. consequence of the first election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year ; of the second class, at the expiration of the fourth year, and of the third class, at the expiration of the sixth year, so that one-third may be chosen every second year ; and if vacancies happen by Vacancies, how filled. resignation or otherwise during the recess of the legislature of any State, the executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies.

No person shall be a Senator who shall not Qualification of Senators. have attained to the age of thirty years, and been nine years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

The Vice President of the United States shall Vice President to preside. be President of the Senate, but shall have no vote, unless they be equally divided.

The Senate shall choose their other officers, Officers of Senate. and also a President *pro tempore* in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the office of President of the United States.

The Senate shall have the sole power to try Trial of impeachments. all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside : and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Judgment in im-
peachments. Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not
extend further than to removal from office, and
Effect of. disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of
honor, trust or profit under the United States :
but the party convicted shall nevertheless be
liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment
and punishment, according to law.

SECTION IV.

Elections, when
and how held. The times, places and manner of holding
elections for Senators and Representatives, shall
be prescribed in each State by the legislature
thereof; but the Congress may at any time by
law make or alter such regulations, except as
to the places of choosing Senators.

Congress assemble
annually. The Congress shall assemble at least once in
every year, and such meeting shall be on the
first Monday in December, unless they shall by
law appoint a different day.

SECTION V.

Elections, how
judged. Each house shall be the judge of the elections,
returns and qualifications of its own members,
and a majority of each shall constitute a quorum
Quorum. to do business; but a smaller number may ad-
journal from day to day, and may be authorized
Absent members. to compel the attendance of absent members, in
such manner, and under such penalties as each
house may provide.

Rules. Each house may determine the rules of its
proceedings, punish its members for disorderly
behavior, and with the concurrence of two-
thirds, expel a member.

Expulsion.