

The Constitution at a Glance

Articles

Article 1
Legislative Department
-organization, powers,
restraints.

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1.1 All lawmaking power in 2 houses, Senate and House of Representatives

1.2.1 Election to the House

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1.7.1 Revenue bills to originate in House

1.7.2 How bills become law

1.7.3 How orders, resolutions become law

1.8.1 Collect taxes to pay debts and provide for common defense and general welfare

1.8.2 Borrow money on credit of U.S.

1.8.3 Regulate commerce with nations, among states and Indian tribes

1.8.4 Establish rules and laws of naturalization and bankruptcies

1.8.5 Coin money, regulate value, fix weights and measures

1.8.6 Provide for punishment of counterfeiting

1.8.7 Establish post office and post roads

1.8.8 Promote sciences and arts by securing rights of authors and inventors

1.8.9 Establish inferior courts to the Supreme Court

1.8.10 Define and punish piracies and felonies

1.8.11 To declare war

1.8.12 To raise and support armies

1.8.13 To raise and support a navy

1.8.14 To make rules governing land and naval forces

1.8.15 To call militia to execute laws

1.8.16 To provide organization of militia

1.8.17 To govern seat of government [Washington, D.C.] and other federal lands

1.8.18 To make laws necessary for carrying our foregoing powers ["Elastic Clause"]

1.9.1 No prohibition of slavery before 1808

1.9.2 Habeas corpus guaranteed

1.9.3 No bills of attainder or ex post facto laws

1.9.4 No direct tax [see 16th Amendment]

1.9.5 No taxes on states' exports

1.9.6 No preference in commerce for one state over another

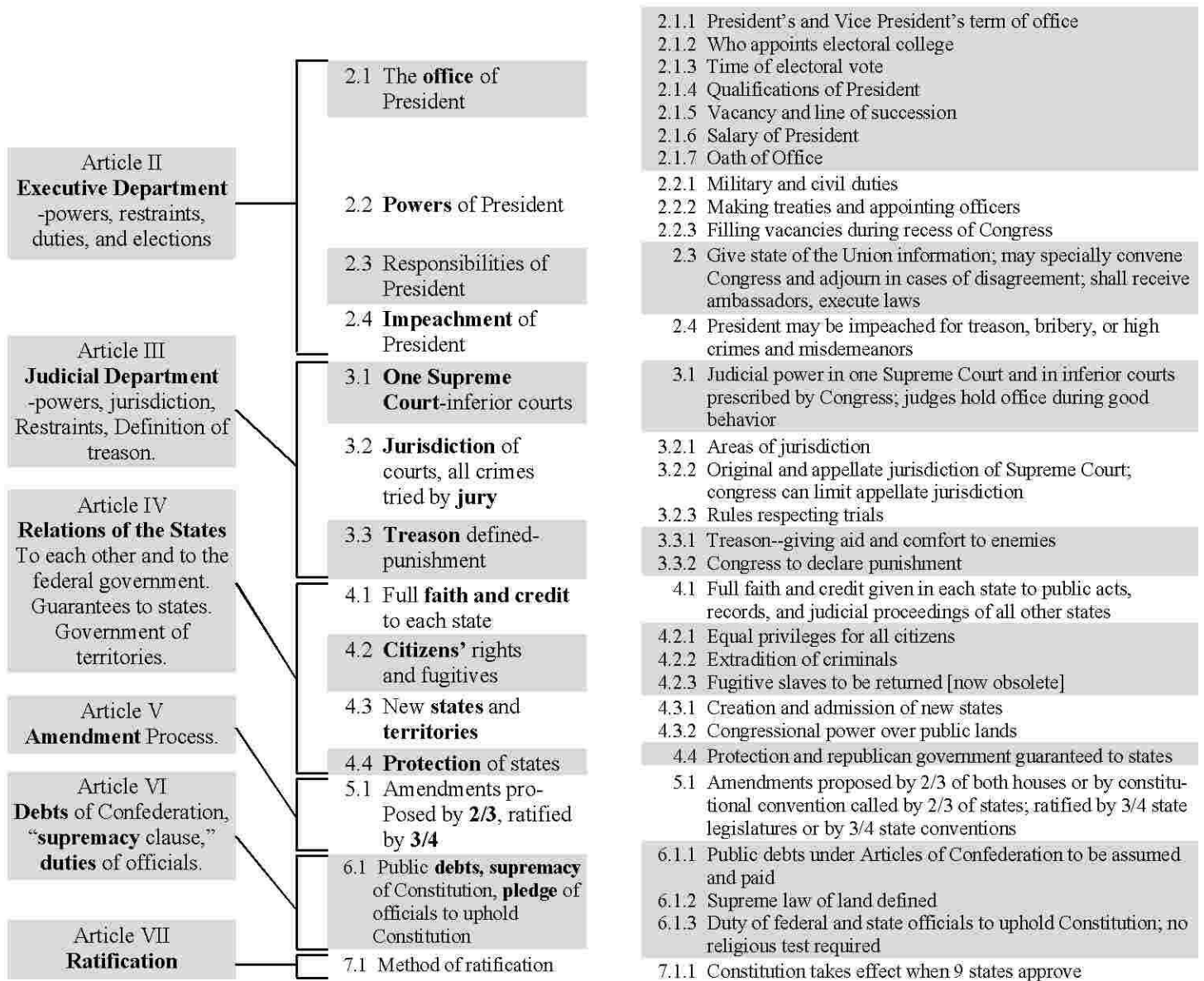
1.9.7 No spending without appropriation by law

1.9.8 Titles of nobility prohibited

1.10.1 No treaties, letters of marque or reprisal, coining of money, bills of credit; no bills of attainder, ex post facto laws, titles of nobility

1.10.2 No duties on imports, exports except with Congress' approval

1.10.3 No duty on tonnage, troops, ships of war, agreements with other states, or war without Congress' approval



Bill of Rights

1. Freedom of religion, speech, press; right of assembly, petition
2. Right to keep and bear arms
3. Limitation on quartering of soldiers
4. Limitations on searches and seizures
5. Protection of accused in capital crimes
6. Right to speedy trial of accused by impartial jury
7. Trial by jury in civil suits
8. Excessive bail or cruel and unusual punishments forbidden
9. This enumeration of rights does not deny other rights retained by people
10. Un delegated powers reserved to the states and the people

Amendments 11 - 27

11. Exemption of states from federal suits by citizens of another state (1798)
12. New method of electing President and Vice President (1804) (Supersedes part of Art. I, sec. 2.)
13. Slavery prohibited (1865)

14. 1. Guarantee of due process and equal protection of all citizens
2. Apportionment of Representatives in Congress (Supersedes part on Art. I, sec. 2.)
3. Statue of public officials engaged in insurrection
4. Status of Civil War debts (1868)
15. Protecting of Voting rights (1870)
16. Income tax (1913)
17. Election of Senators by the people; senatorial vacancies (1913)
18. Prohibition of intoxicating liquors (1919) (Repealed in 1933)
19. Women's suffrage (1920)
20. Abolition of "lame duck" session in Congress--change in date of assembly (1933)
21. Repeal of Prohibition (1933)
22. Limitation of President to two terms of office (1951)
23. Right of people in District of Columbia to vote for electors of President and Vice President (1961)
24. Failure to pay taxes not a restriction on federal voting rights (1964)
25. Succession to the Presidency in case of vacancy or disability (1967)
26. Suffrage extended to 18, 19, 20-year-olds in all state, local, and federal elections (1971)
27. No pay increase for Senators and Representatives during current term of office.