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# Fortieth Congress of the United States of America;

At the *thirtieth* Session,

Begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday, the *seventh* day of *December*, one thousand eight hundred and *sixty-eight*.

## A RESOLUTION

*Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses concurring) that the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures shall be valid as part of the Constitution, namely:

### Article XV.

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Spurgeon Co. Fox*

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*J. J. Hoar*

President of the Senate pro tempore.

*Attest:*

*John W. McKim*

Clerk of House of Representatives.

*Geo. C. Corham*

Secy of Senate U.S.

15TH AMENDMENT:  
AFRICAN AMERICAN  
MEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

# Sixty-sixth Congress of the United States of America;

At the First Session,

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of May,  
one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right of suffrage  
to women.

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*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States  
of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein),  
That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution,  
which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States.*

“ARTICLE ————.

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or  
abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

“Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
legislation.”

*F. H. Gillett*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Thos. R. Marshall*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*

19TH AMENDMENT:  
WOMEN'S RIGHT  
TO VOTE

# Ninety-second Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Thursday, the twenty-first day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one

## Joint Resolution

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens eighteen years of age or older.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

“ARTICLE —

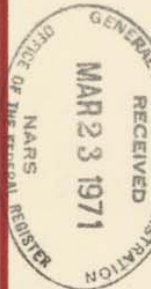
“SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

“SEC. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”

*Carl Albert*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Hubert H. Humphrey*  
*Vice President of the United States and*  
*President of the Senate pro Tempore*



26TH AMENDMENT:  
VOTING AGE  
LOWERED TO 18

# AMENDING THE RIGHT TO VOTE

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Review the amendment page you've been given and answer the questions below.

## GUESS

Who do you think was able to vote when the nation was first created?

## OBSERVE

What issue is your amendment addressing?

What date was your amendment ratified?

## CONNECT

What else do you know about the period of time when your amendment was passed?

Why would your amendment have a better chance of being ratified at this time in history?