

The Bill of Rights

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The Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution, was created on September 25, 1789, and ratified on December 15, 1791.

TENTH AMENDMENT:

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

GUARANTEES:



POWERS OF STATES AND PEOPLE

NINTH AMENDMENT:

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

GUARANTEES:

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED IN THE CONSTITUTION



FIRST AMENDMENT:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF:



RELIGION SPEECH PETITION



ASSEMBLY THE PRESS

SECOND AMENDMENT:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

GUARANTEES:



RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

EIGHTH AMENDMENT:

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

PROHIBITS:

CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT



EXCESSIVE BAIL

SEVENTH AMENDMENT:

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

GUARANTEES:



CIVIL TRIAL BY JURY

SIXTH AMENDMENT:

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

GUARANTEES:



SPEEDY TRIAL



PUBLIC TRIAL



TRIAL BY JURY



RIGHT TO COUNSEL



RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED



CONFRONTATION CLAUSE

FIFTH AMENDMENT:

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

GUARANTEES:



DUE PROCESS

PROHIBITS:



DOUBLE JEOPARDY



SELF-INCRIMINATION



EMINENT DOMAIN WITHOUT JUST COMPENSATION

PROHIBITS:



SEARCHES, ARRESTS, AND SEIZURES OF PROPERTY WITHOUT WARRANT OR PROBABLE CAUSE

THIRD AMENDMENT:

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

PROHIBITS:



GOVERNMENT USE OF PRIVATE HOMES AS QUARTERS FOR SOLDIERS

FOURTH AMENDMENT:

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

