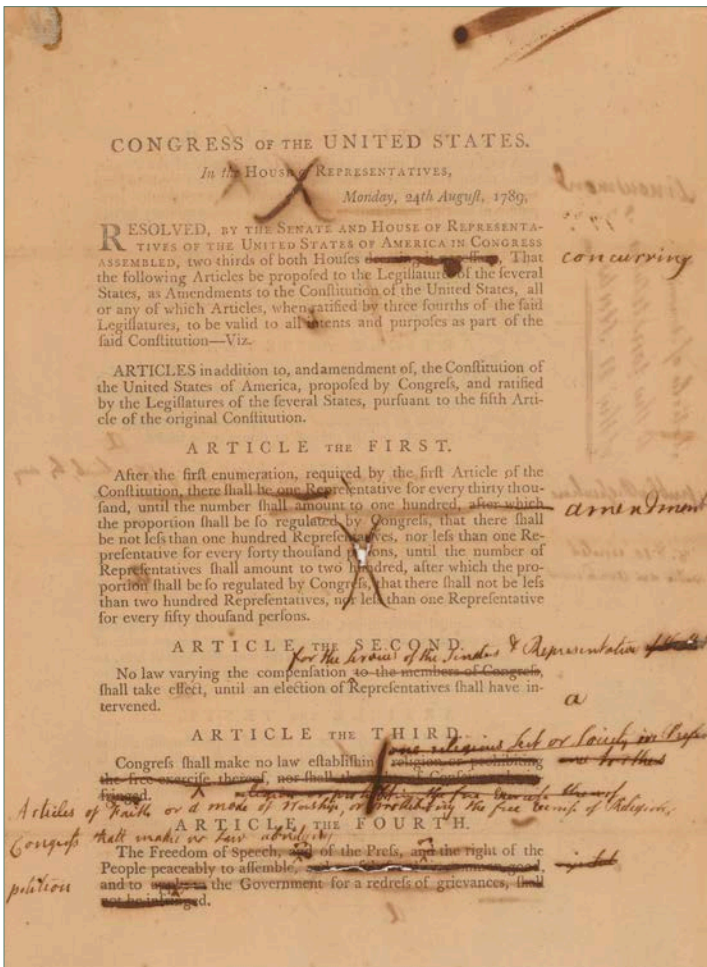




Amending America: The Bill of Rights

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Our Constitution became a contract with the people and through the unique Article V – the section that outlines how to amend - could be changed by the people. The Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to our Constitution, is rooted in English tradition. But its creation is one part of the remarkable story of American independence – the ideals colonists had come to expect from government combined with a novel take on limiting government. These ideals and the men leading the way were what made the Constitution, as observed by John Adams, “admirably calculated to preserve the Union.”



Exhibition Details

Content:

Free-standing units, facsimile documents, exhibit cases, hands-on interactive activities, audio-visual units, text and graphic panels, and labels.

Curator:

Jennifer N. Johnson and Christine Blackerby, National Archives

Supplemental Materials:

Educational and promotional resources, including an educational guide, exhibit brochure, web and digital components, marketing resources, installation manual, and exhibit-related products through the National Archives Store.

Rental Fee:

\$7,500 for 7-week display

Security Requirements:

Limited security and environmental controls

Shipping:

Exhibitor is responsible for outgoing fixed-rate shipping costs of \$5,500

Size:

2,000 square feet

Number of Crates:

21

Insurance:

Insured by the National Archives

Tour Dates:

Amending America: The Bill of Rights is available through 2019. Dates are subject to change.

Project Status:

On the road

More About this Exhibition

Amending America: The Bill of Rights illustrates how America came to have the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and gives an in-depth look at each amendment and how it protects our citizens. The exhibit features facsimile documents and reproduction artifacts to encourage the visitor to directly connect with the people, places, and events that mark the long history of the Bill of Rights.

Visitors will learn about the Bill of Rights through engaging documents, objects, videos, and interactive stations that focus on three sections:

Creating the Bill of Rights

Learn why we almost did not have a Bill of Rights and how it came to be added to the Constitution.

Defining the Bill of Rights

Discover how the Bill of Rights protections have been expanded in the 20th century.

The Bill of Rights and Beyond

See how the effort to alter our Constitution with the Bill of Rights set the stage for 225 years of continual attempts to renegotiate our fundamental governing contract.

Amending America: The Bill of Rights is organized by the National Archives and Records Administration, and traveled by the National Archives Traveling Exhibits Service (NATES). The exhibition is presented in part by AT&T, HISTORY®, Seedlings Foundation, and the National Archives Foundation.

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