

# Congress Protects the Right to Vote: The Voting Rights Act of 1965

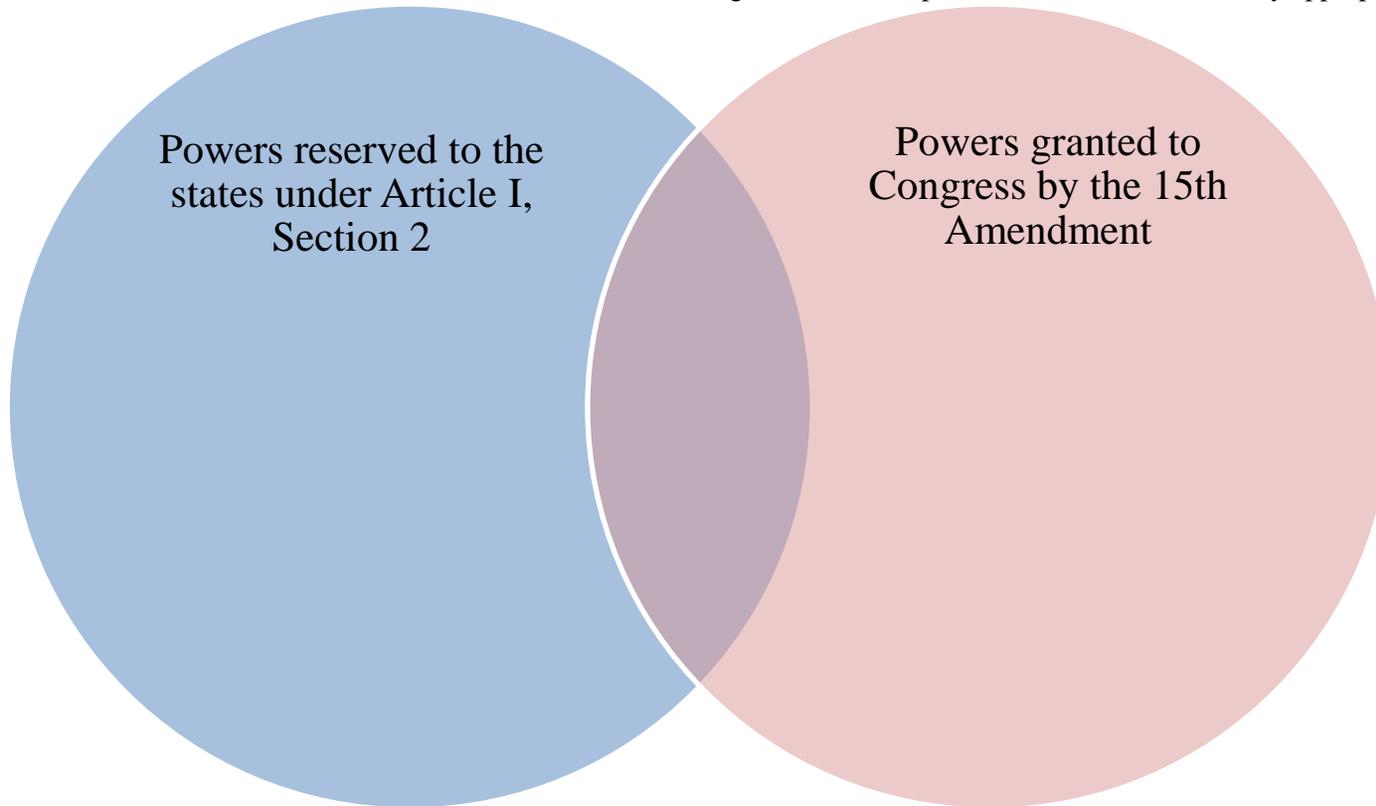
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## Worksheet 1: Charting the Constitutional Issues

Article I, Section 2: Electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature.

15<sup>th</sup> Amendment: 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.



In the event of an overlap of powers or a conflict in authority, which constitutional clause should prevail?

What events or actions would justify reassessing the balance of state and Federal authority over voting qualifications?