Amending America:
Proposed Amendments to the United States Constitution, 1787 to 2014

Data Dictionary

The National Archives and Records Administration produced the "Amending America: Proposed Amendments to the United States Constitution, 1787 to 2014" dataset as part of the Amending America initiative. This dataset provides information about more than 11,000 proposed Constitutional amendments introduced in the United States Congress from 1787 to 2014.

This data dictionary outlines and defines the fields available in the CSV file.

Please note: Data was compiled from written records and is not necessarily complete.

Field	Data Type	Definition
identifier	string	NARA-generated code that serves as a unique identifier within the dataset. The identifier has been formulated as "us-nara-amending-america-[6-digit number]" *Note* "us-nara" represents the United States National Archives and Records Administration and "amending-america" represents the exhibition for which the data was compiled.
source_code	string	NARA-generated code for the government publication or website from which the information was transcribed. Possible values: "A," "B," "C," "D," "E," "F," "G"
source_citation	string	Bibliographic citation of the government publication or website from which the information was transcribed.

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source_index_number	string	Identifying index number listed within source publication. Occasionally, the index number is appended with a letter.
title_or_description_from_source	string	Title or description of the proposed amendment, transcribed from the source publication or website.
date_approximation	string	When the date has been estimated, the field includes the term "circa." Otherwise, this field is blank.
year	integer	Year that amendment was proposed in Congress, in YYYY format.
month	integer	Month that amendment was proposed in Congress. When unknown, this field is left blank.
day	integer	Day that amendment was proposed in Congress. When unknown, this field is left blank.
congress	integer	The number for the Congress in which the amendment was proposed.
congressional_session	string	The number or designation of the session of Congress in which the amendment was proposed. Possible values: "1", "2", "3", "4", "Special Session"
joint_resolution_chamber	string	The chamber of Congress in which the amendment was proposed. Possible values: "House Joint Resolution", "Senate Joint Resolution"

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joint_resolution_number	integer	The number assigned to the proposed amendment by Congress. Amendments are submitted as joint resolutions.
sponsor_name	string	The name of the member of Congress or group who proposed the amendment. When unknown, this field is left blank. *Note* For proposed amendments sourced from printed publications, only the last name of the legislative sponsor is typically supplied (e.g. "Abzug"). By contrast, for proposed amendments sourced from Congress.gov, a full name in inverted order is typically supplied (e.g. "Owens, Major R.").
sponsor_state_or_territory	string	The U.S. state or territory represented by the amendment's sponsoring member of Congress. When unknown, this field is left blank.
committee_of_referral	string	The committee to which the amendment was referred for further consideration, following formal introduction to Congress. When unknown, this field is left blank.
last_modified	dateTime	The timestamp of the most recent modification made on the data contained within the particular row.

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