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Grey House Publishing announces *Constitutional Amendments*

***An Encyclopedia of the People | Procedures | Politics | Primary Documents
and Campaigns for the 27 Amendments to the Constitution of the United States***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the First Edition of *Constitutional Amendments*. This new titles is unlike any encyclopedia or reference work on the subject. In two-volumes, it not only defines the 27 amendments in comprehensive chapters with detailed narratives on the process behind each amendment, but it includes in each chapter a valuable collection of supportive material, such as **biographies of individuals** significant to the amendment's passage, **reprints of actual political debates, newspaper articles, government reports, and Supreme Court cases**.

In addition, each amendment chapter includes a unique section called *America At That Time*. This provides a unique look at what was happening in America at the time the amendment was being proposed, debated and voted on. What did things cost? What were important "firsts"? What was in the news? There is nothing dry about this history lesson!

Chapter Arrangement

Each of the 18 chapters covers one amendment, except Chapter 1 which covers the first 10 amendments known as the Bill of Rights, and includes the following five sections:

Section One: *Amendment*

- *The Amendment* reprinted as it appears in the official record
- *Introduction* provides the historical framework surrounding the reasons behind the amendment as it was proposed, and follows its path through to ratification
- *Debate in Congress* offers actual transcripts of the back and forth from both advocates and opponents
- *Historical Background Documents* are reprints of official documents, relevant to the amendment's passage, including first drafts of the amendment, letters and speeches from politicians who support or oppose the amendment, and Congressional reports, all designed to give the details necessary to fully comprehend the driving force behind each amendment's progress
- *As Submitted to the States* offers a look at how and when the states voted

Section Two: *Original Primary Documents*

This section includes newspaper articles that show how public opinion differed in different regions of the country, and Supreme Court cases that ruled based on their interpretation at the time.

Section Three: *Who's Who*

This section offers biographies and photographs of those individuals who either played a significant role in getting the amendment ratified, or worked to block it. These comprehensive biographies combine personal and professional details, designed to offer a better understanding of why an individual acted as he or she did.

Section Four: *Footnotes, Sources, Further Reading*

These exhaustive and detailed lists by chapter section make it easy to pick up with research where these volumes leave off. Whether it's more information on specific amendments, the amendment process, or the individuals responsible for the amendment, this section provides hundreds of ways to find it.

Section Five: *America At That Time*

This section sets *Constitutional Amendments* apart from other exclusively historical reference works. Pulling from Grey House Publishing's *Working Americans* series, here is where you will find what was happening in America at the time each amendment was progressing through the steps toward ratification. Beginning with a snapshot of significant political, cultural, and social "firsts", this section goes on to include advertisements, selected prices (with currency conversion charts), newspaper articles and many fun images.

Appendices:

Appendix A: *The Constitutional Amendment Process* describes the legal channels taken by each amendment, and whose job it is to administer that process.

Appendix B: *Ratification of Amendments to the U.S. Constitution* offers details on the process and deadlines for the amendment process, and includes timetables of the 27 amendments and average times to ratify.

Appendix C: *Proposed Amendments to the Constitution* details six amendments that made it either through the House, the Senate, or both, but were not ratified by the states. Each of these proposed amendments is detailed in depth – who, what, where, when and why – and supplemented by relevant original documents.

This material is designed to help students and researchers more fully grasp the reasons behind the proposed amendments, their opposition, votes, and public sentiment. Filled with interesting data on the path each Amendment took to be proposed, voted on, and then submitted to the States for ratification, this new reference will inform and educate readers on how our nation has changed and updated the US Constitution.

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