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Grey House Publishing Announces the Second Edition of *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 second edition of *Constitutional Amendments*. This second edition of *Constitutional Amendments* 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 includes in each chapter a valuable collection of supportive material designed to help students and researchers more fully grasp the rationale behind the amendments, their opposition, votes, and public sentiment.

This material includes 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*, that offers a 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?

NEW to each chapter in this edition is a brief summary and timeline of the amendment. In addition, researchers will find 10 new primary documents, and 54 new Supreme Court cases extending the coverage of this edition up to the minute in regard to the controversial issues before the court in recent years. Also **NEW** to this edition is Appendix D— a list of the 100 Supreme Court cases included in this edition. In addition to new material, other chapter elements have been updated to bring the work up to date.

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 sections:

Section One: Amendment

- The *Amendment* reprinted as it appears in the official record.
- **NEW Summary** offers a clear explanation of the amendment and its ramifications in a few succinct sentences.

- **NEW Timeline** allows the reader to follow the proposal and ratification process.
- **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: Supreme Court Cases

Each case chosen represents individuals or entities who feel that their rights, under the amendment, have been violated. The analysis opens with the case's official docket data, date, decision, and ruling justice, and includes a clear definition of the case.

Section Four: 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 Five: 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 Six: America At That Time

This section sets *Constitutional Amendments* apart from other exclusively historical reference works. Pulling from Grey House Publishing's acclaimed *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. There is nothing dry about this history lesson!

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 dead lines 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, when, where, and why – and supplemented by relevant original documents.

Appendix D: List of Supreme Court Cases by Amendment includes a list of all 100 Supreme Court cases included in this edition, arranged by the amendment that the case claims is being violated.

Finally, ending this two-volume set is a comprehensive *Index*.

Additionally, **Salem Press Online** is the new online home for *Constitutional Amendments*. Online database access is free with your print purchase! Visit <http://online.salempress.com> for more information or to demo the online content.

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 updated reference will inform and educate readers on how our nation has changed and updated the U.S. Constitution.

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