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|  **CURRENT AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION** |
| **Amendment** | **Explanation** | **Amendment** | **Explanation** | **Amendment** | **Explanation** |
| **1st Amendment** | Freedom of religion, speech, petition, and assembly. | **10th Amendment** | Reserved powers to the states. | **19th Amendment** | Women have the right to vote. |
| **2nd Amendment** | Right to bear arms. | **11th Amendment** | States are protected from being sued by citizens of another state. | **20th Amendment** | President and vice-president’s term of office begins on January 20th, and no longer in March. |
| **3rd Amendment** | No quartering of soldiers. | **12th Amendment** | Separated balloting procedures for president and vice-president (they are a team). | **21st Amendment** | Repeal of prohibition. |
| **4th Amendment** | Protection against illegal search and seizure. | **13th Amendment** | Abolition of slavery. | **22nd Amendment** | President is limited to two (2) terms. |
| **5th Amendment** | Protection against self-incrimination, double-jeopardy.  Protection of due process and the right to a grand jury. | **14th Amendment** | Granted former slaves citizenship and equal protection, established principle of selective incorporation. | **23rd Amendment** | D.C. is given presidential electors. |
| **6th Amendment** | Right to a speedy and public trial, impartial jury, and right to counsel. | **15th Amendment** | African-American men could vote. | **24th Amendment** | Poll tax is illegal. |
| **7th Amendment** | Right to a trial by jury in common-law cases. | **16th Amendment** | Established federal income tax. | **25th Amendment** | Established the vice-president as the successor if the president is unable to serve.  The president can nominate a vice-president if there is a vacancy. |
| **8th Amendment** | Protection against cruel and unusual punishment.  No excessive bail imposed. | **17th Amendment** | Direct election of US Senators. | **26th Amendment** | 18-year olds have the right to vote. |
| **9th Amendment** | The enumeration of rights in the Constitution won’t be used against the people. | **18th Amendment** | Prohibition | **27th Amendment** | Congressional pay raises will only take effect after the next election. |