

Amendments

AMENDMENT I

Restrictions on Powers of Congress

[SECTION 1 *.] Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Proposed September 25, 1789; ratified December 15, 1791.

AMENDMENT II

Right to Bear Arms

[SECTION 1.] A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

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AMENDMENT III

Billeting of Soldiers

[SECTION 1.] No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

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AMENDMENT IV

Seizures, Searches and Warrants

[SECTION 1.] The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

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* Words in brackets added.