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## AMENDMENT SUMMARY

### 14th Amendment

The 14th amendment was added in 1868, during the reconstruction period. The amendment addresses citizenship rights and equal protection of the laws. It was proposed in response to the end of slavery, following the US Civil War.

The first section is perhaps one of the most cited parts of the constitution. It forms the basis on landmark decisions such as *Roe v. Wade (1973)* regarding abortion, *Brown v. Board of Education (1954)* regarding racial segregation, and *Bush v. Gore (2000)* regarding their presidential election.

Important parts to remember are:

*Due Process Clause*- prohibits government from depriving person of life, liberty and property without a fair procedure

*Equal Protections Clause*- “nor shall any State [...] deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protections of the laws”. (14th Amendment, section 1)

### 19th Amendment

The 19th amendment was ratified on August 18th, 1920. This amendment granted women the right to vote and prohibited any United States citizen from being denied the right to vote based on sex. The movement that started the idea of this amendment was known as the Women’s Suffrage Movement. Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Stanton first drafted this amendment in 1878. The ratification process began in 1919 and was sent out to be voted on by the states. It was ratified by a sufficient number of states to add the amendment to the Constitution. The court case of *Leser v. Garnett* questioned the validity of the 19th amendment, as qualified voters of Maryland filed a suit claiming that the state constitution limits the suffrage to men. Clearly, the Supreme Court held that the 19th amendment had been constitutionally established.

### 22nd Amendment

The 22nd Amendment talks about how presidents are restricted to two four-year terms after election and that if anyone were to fill the position for more than two years, they can only be re elected once. This amendment was proposed and ratified after FDR’s four term run as president due to the threat of WWII. Many of his Republican opponents stated that this was a violation of democracy along with going against George Washington’s wishes for the presidency. So the 22nd amendment was written by a republican controlled Congress and was ratified in March 1947.