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insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common Defence  
and our Posterity, We ordain and establish this Constitution

Article

Section. 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested  
in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section. 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of  
Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section. 3. Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including all bound Persons for the Term of ten Years, in such Manner as shall be directed by the Legislature of the United States.

Section. 4. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the United States, and in such Manner as they shall direct: The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section. 5. The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

Section. 6. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Members from each State, chosen by the Electors in each State for six Years, and each Elector shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section. 7. The Senate shall chuse their Speaker or President, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the President: They shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the President: They shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the President.

Section. 8. The Senate shall have the sole and exclusive Power of trying all Impeachments, when sitting: And the Chief Justice shall preside: Judgment in such Cases shall not extend to Removal from Office, but only to Disqualification for holding any Office under the United States: Impeachment by the House of Representatives shall suspend the Offender until the Senate shall have judged of the Matter.

Section. 9. The Times, Places and Manner of holding the Elections of Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may, by Law, alter or change in any or all of those Things the Times, Places and Manner of holding such Elections, when they meet in regular Session: And the Congress may, by Law, provide for the Election of Senators in the Cases of Vacancies, and for the Election of Representatives in the Cases of Vacancies, and for the Election of Representatives in the Cases of Vacancies.

Section. 10. No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, seven Years and a Day, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen: And no Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen: The Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section. 11. The Senate shall chuse a President and Vice President, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the President: They shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the President: They shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the President.

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