



The 15th Amendment

Fortieth Congress of the United States of America; At the Third Session,

Begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday, the seventh day of
December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

A RESOLUTION

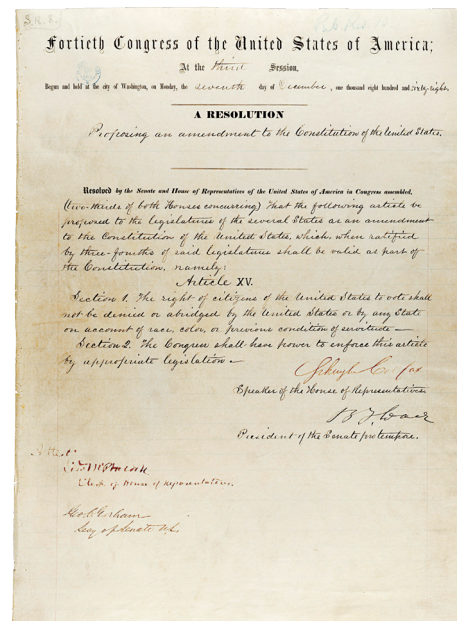
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States
of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses concurring),
That the following article be proposed to the legislature of the several
States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which,
when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures shall be valid as part of
the Constitution, namely:

Article XV.

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be
denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of
race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by
appropriate legislation.



The resolution of Congress, proposing
the 15th Amendment to the United
States Constitution.

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