

ARTICLE V

The Congress, whenever **two thirds** of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of **two thirds** of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of **three fourths** of the several States, or by Conventions in **three fourths** thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year **One thousand eight hundred and eight** shall in any Manner affect the **first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article**; and that **no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.**

