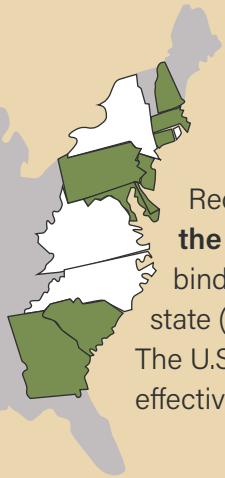


FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

Originally written in
1787

The U.S. Constitution was signed on Sept. 17 – known as **Constitution Day**.

Required ratification by **nine of the 13 states** to become binding. On June 21, 1788 the ninth state (New Hampshire) ratified it. The U.S. Constitution became effective in March 1789.



We the People



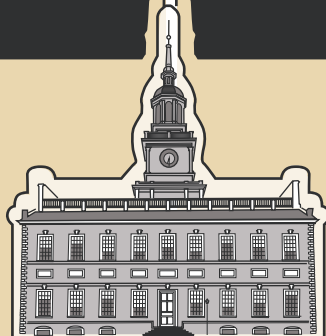
First Ten Amendments (Bill of Rights) were enacted in **1791**.

AMENDED 17 MORE TIMES (27 TOTAL)

FUN FACTS

The most misspelled word in the U.S. Constitution is Pennsylvania - spelled "Pensylvania."

A proclamation by President George Washington and a congressional resolution established the first national Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 26, 1789. The reason for the holiday was to give "thanks" for the new Constitution.



Both constitutions were signed in the Pa. State House, known as **Independence Hall** – the same building where the Declaration of Independence was signed.

PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION

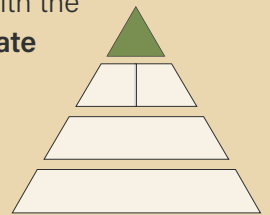
Originally written in
1776
and became effective
Sept. 28, 1776.

The current version of the Pa. Constitution was approved by the voters in **1968**.

1776 1790 1838 1874

AMENDED 113 TIMES SINCE 1776

Article V of the Pa. Constitution established the **Pa. Supreme Court** along with the state's **two intermediate appellate courts, trial courts** and **limited jurisdiction courts** (magisterial district courts and Philadelphia municipal courts).



Pennsylvania's Constitution provides **more rights and protections than the federal constitution**. For example, Pa. Constitution Art. 1, Sec. 8 generally provides more protection against unreasonable search and seizure than the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

I helped write both!



Benjamin Franklin