The Constitution

Federal Constitution

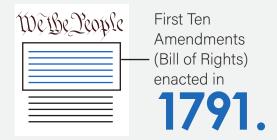
Orginally written in in the Pa. State House.

1787

Required **nine of the 13 states** to become binding.

On June 21, 1788 the 9th state (New Hampshire) ratified it.

The U.S. Constitution became effective in March 1789



Amended 17 more times (27 total).

Created three branches of government:



All inferior federal courts are authorized by Article III of the Constitution, but created by statute.

Established the **Separation of Powers**, **Checks and Balances** and **Federalism**.

Provides individual rights and protections.

Pennsylvania Constitution



Co-Authored by **Benjamin Franklin**,

who was also a delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention 11 years later.

Amended five times, the current
Pa. Constitution was approved
by the voters in 1968

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Judicial (Pa. Supreme Court)

Article V of the Pa. Constitution **established the Pa. Supreme Court** along with the state's **two intermediate appellate courts**, **trial courts** and a minor judiciary system of **magisterial district courts**.

Pennsylvania Constitution provides **more details than the federal constitution**, such as public education, public assistance, qualifications for judges, etc.

Provides more rights and protections than the federal constitution.

For example, Pa. Constitution Art. 1, Sec. 8 provides **more protection against unreasonable search and seizure** than the

4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



