

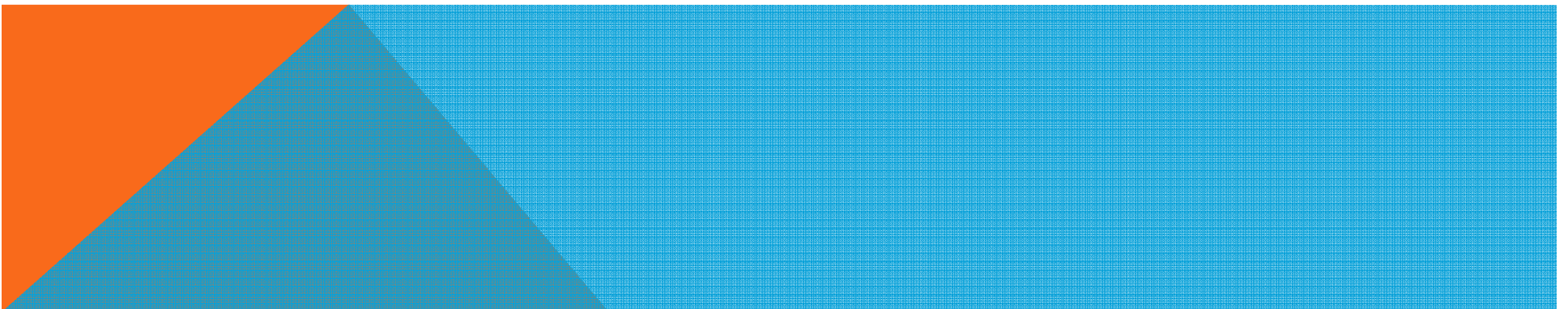


THE AMENDMENT PROCESS

CHANGING OUR CONSTITUTION

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

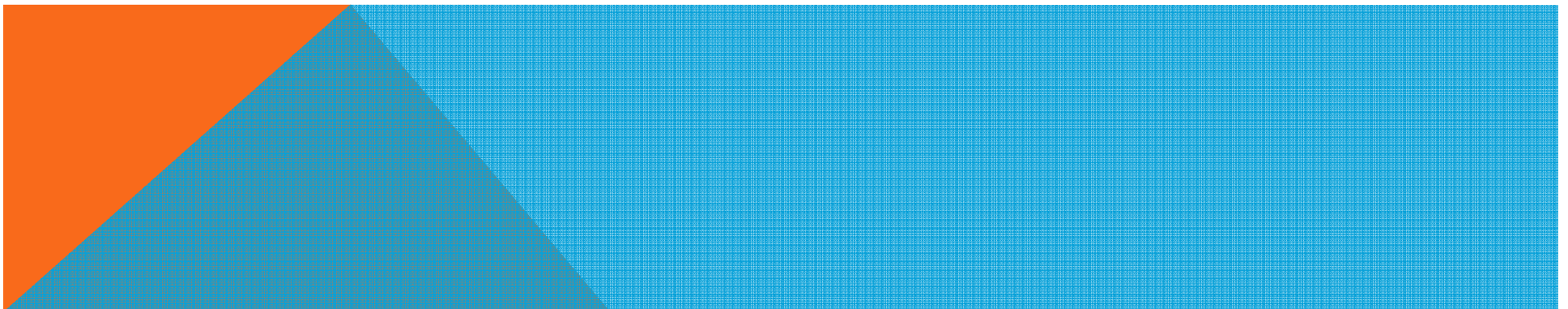
The power to change the
Constitution resides in Article
5 of the Constitution



METHODS OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

There are 2 ways to change or amend the constitution

1. By congress
2. By National Convention



2 WAYS OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS

CONGRESS

Congress can propose
amendments
approved by
two-thirds majority in
each house



2 WAYS OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS

THE STATES

Two thirds of states can
call on congress to
summon a constitutional
convention



2 WAYS OF RATIFYING AMENDMENTS

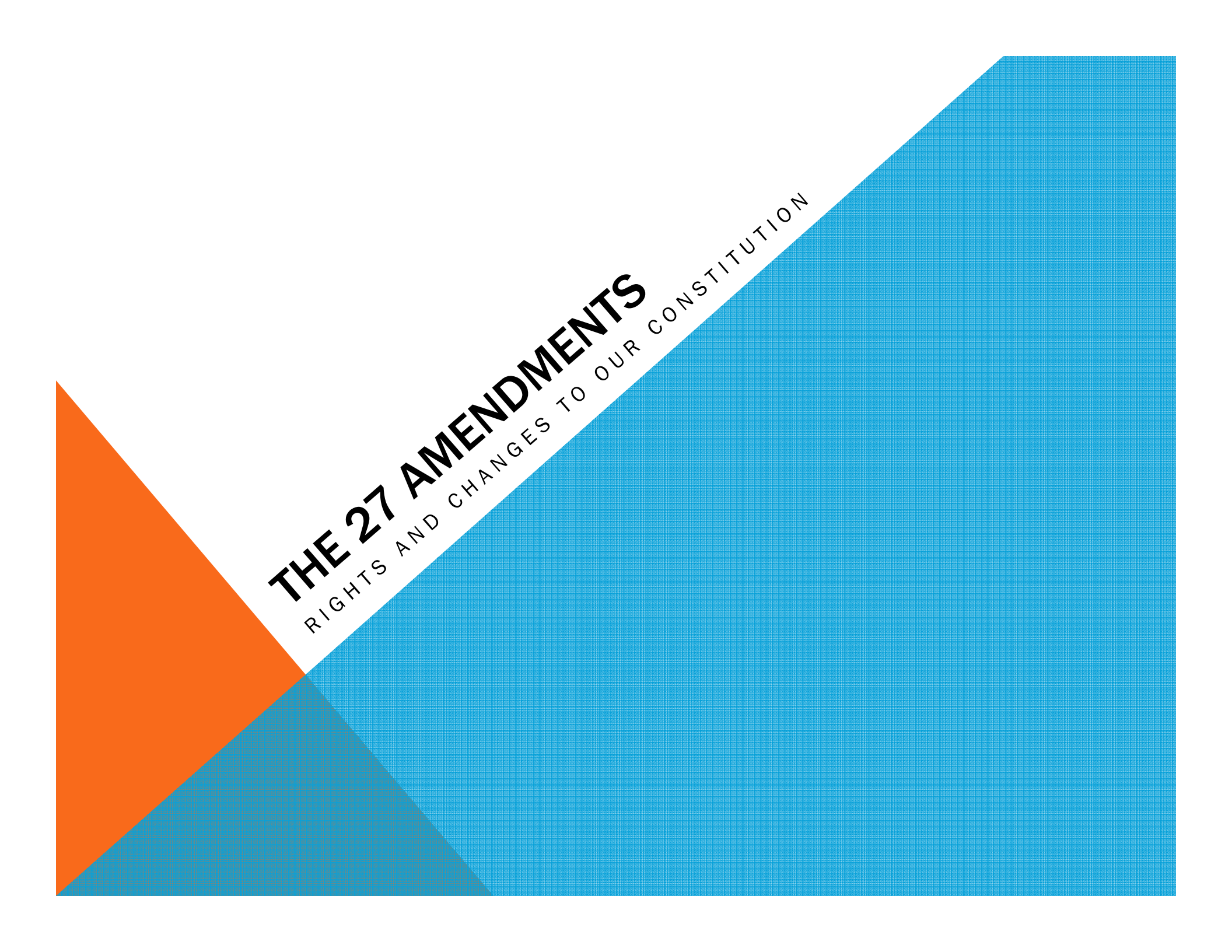
STATE LEGISLATURES

Three-fourths of states
have to approve

SPECIAL CONVENTIONS

Three-fourths of states
have special
conventions to
approve

All Amendments except the 21st was approved by using the first method of proposing and ratifying.

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THE 27 AMENDMENTS

RIGHTS AND CHANGES TO OUR CONSTITUTION

1. There are a total of 27 amendments to our constitution
2. The first 10 were passed as one group and are called the BILL of RIGHTS
3. 13th, 14th, & 15th Amendment are called the Reconstruction Amendments and were passed as a group after the Civil War
4. 19th Amendment = women's suffrage
5. The 26th Amendment changed the voting age for all citizens to the age of 18



27 AMENDMENTS NEED TO KNOW.....

1. Freedom of Religion, Assembly, Petition, Press, Opinion, and Speech
2. The freedom to bear arms
3. No military in your home except in war time.
4. No unreasonable searches
5. The right to remain silent and not incriminate yourself
6. The right to a speedy and public trial
7. The right to a jury trial in civil matters of \$20 and over.
8. The right to fair fines and bail. No cruel and unusual punishment
9. Individual Rights. Rights that are not in the constitution are still rights given to citizens.
10. State Rights. Any right not given in the constitution is given to the states to legislate.



THE BILL OF RIGHTS.....

13th – Emancipation

14th - Citizenship &
Due Process

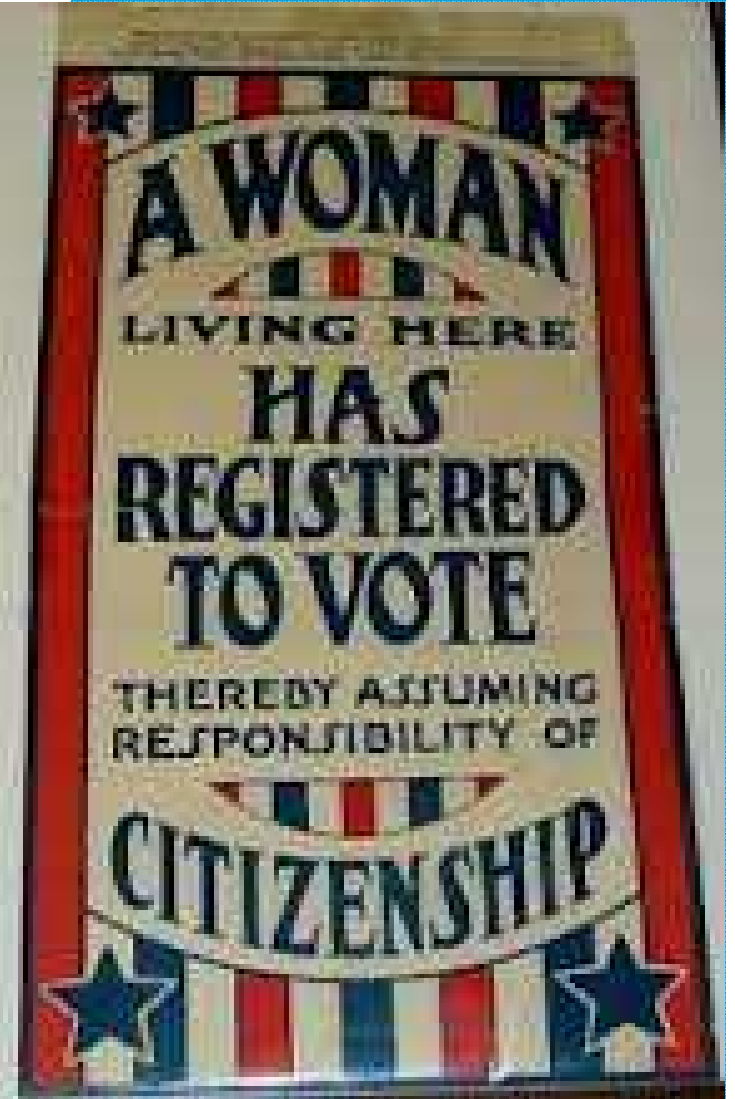
16th – Right to vote for
all citizens



**13TH, 14TH & 15TH
THE RECONSTRUCTION AMENDMENTS**

19TH AMENDMENT

Women's Suffrage: Recognizes a woman's citizenship and guarantees their right to vote



THE 26TH AMENDMENT

Lowers the voting age of all citizens to 18

