# American Civics

# The Amendment Process

## Formal Amendment –

### 4 Possible Methods of Formal Amendments

**1 2**

Proposed:

Ratified:

Proposed:

Ratified:

**3 4**

Proposed:

Ratified:

Proposed:

Ratified:

**The 27 Amendments**

* **The Bill of Rights**
* .
* **The Later Amendments**
  + Most amendments are results of particular circumstances that warrant their creation.
    - Ex. 12th – electoral college –
    - 13th, 14th, 15th –
    - 18th –
    - 22nd –
    - **26**th –
    - **2**7th – . (Proposed in 1789 and finally ratified in 1992 – 203 years later!!)

How many joint resolutions have been proposed in Congress since 1789?

How many of those have been ratified?

Ratification must occur within a reasonable time. How long?

## Section 3.3

1. **Treaty:**
2. **Electoral College:**
3. **Cabinet:**

## Informal Amendment Process –

#### Name and describe the 5 basic informal process methods

**1.)**

**a.**

**b.**

**2.)**

**a.**

**b.**

**3.)**

**a.**

**b.**

**4.)**

**a.**

**b.**

**5.)**

**a.**

**b.**