

## CHAPTER 3; SECTION 3 OUTLINE

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### INFORMAL AMENDMENT

#### A. KEY TERMS AND CONCEPTS

Match the descriptions with the terms. Write the correct letter in each blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. changes in the Constitution that do not lead to changes in the written document
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. advisory board to the President
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. court case involving the process of informal amendment
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. a constitutional convention in continuous session'
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. pact made by a President with heads of a foreign state

- a. informal amendment      b. executive agreement      c. *Marbury v. Madison*  
d. cabinet                      e. Supreme Court

#### B. MAIN IDEAS

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which of the following is an informal process to amend the Constitution?  
a. Congress proposes, State convention ratifies      c. congressional legislation  
b. presidential edict      d. general election
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of the following customs was added to the written Constitution through formal amendment?  
a. Women's suffrage      c. party conventions  
b. Voting at age 18      d. no third term for Presidents
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which are the two ways Congress may informally amend the Constitution?  
a. laws that expand the brief provisions of the Constitution, laws that further define expressed powers  
b. laws that require the courts to decide their constitutionality, laws that affect the President  
c. laws that recommend an action, laws that require an action  
d. laws that require popular support, laws that affect foreign relations
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which of the following is one reason that Presidents use informal executive agreements with heads of foreign states instead of the formal treaty process?  
a. Presidents want the right to back out of any agreements they make.  
b. Heads of foreign states prefer informal agreements.  
c. Congress refuses to support the President in foreign affairs.  
d. Informal agreements do not require Senate approval.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The fact that government in the United States is in many ways government through political party is...  
a. because George Washington was a strong supporter of political parties.  
b. the result of a long history of informal amendments.  
c. because of the section of the Constitution concerning the Electoral college.  
d. due to a Supreme Court decision.