

# We the People

of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

## Article 1

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and be, when elected, seven Years a Resident of that State in which he shall be chosen.

The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand Persons, and there shall be a Representative for every ten Thousand Persons, but no State shall have less than three Representatives. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within each subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every fifty Thousand Persons, and until such Enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations six, New York nine, New Jersey five, Pennsylvania seven, Delaware six, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina six, and Georgia three.