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# The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment,

RESOLUTION Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the UNITED STATES.

**RESOLVED** By the Senate and House of Representatives, of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following Article, be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an Amendment to the Constitution of the UNITED STATES

Which when ratified by three fourths of said Legislatures shall be valid as a part of the Constitution.



## Article Fifteenth.

**SECTION 1<sup>st</sup>** The rights of citizens of the United States to vote, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

**SECTION 2<sup>nd</sup>** Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Ratified by three fourths of the States as follows, N. Carolina, W. Virginia, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Maine, Louisiana, Michigan, S. Carolina, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Nevada, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia, Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio, Iowa, Texas, Minnesota, R. Island, Nebraska, and Texas, in all 27 States.

Proposed and adopted by H. Res. 103, 36th Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Sess., Aug. 1870.

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