

# AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, 1933

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December 5, 1933.

ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:*

KNOW YE, That the Congress of the United States, at the second session, seventy-second Congress begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the fifth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, passed a Joint Resolution in the words and figures as follows: to wit—

Twenty-first Amendment to the Constitution.  
Preamble.

## JOINT 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 each House concurring therein),* That the following article is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by conventions in three-fourths of the several States:

Amendment proposed to the Constitution.  
Vol. 46, p. 1625.

### “ARTICLE—

“SECTION 1. The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

Eighteenth amendment repealed.

“SEC. 2. The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.

Prohibition of liquor traffic into a State, etc., in violation of its laws.

“SEC. 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.”

Inoperative if not ratified in seven years.

And, further, that it appears from official notices received at the Department of State that the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed as aforesaid has been ratified by conventions in the States of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

States ratifying proposed amendment.

And, further, that the States wherein conventions have so ratified the said proposed Amendment, constitute the requisite three-fourths of the whole number of States in the United States.

Requisite number declared.

Certificate of adoption as part of the Constitution.  
U.S.C., p. 37.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, William Phillips, Acting Secretary of State of the United States, by virtue and in pursuance of Section 160, Title 5, of the United States Code, do hereby certify that the Amendment aforesaid has become valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this fifth day of December, in  
[SEAL] the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and  
thirty-three.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS  
*Acting Secretary of State.*