

TWENTY-THIRD AMENDMENT
TO THE
CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION 1961

ADMINISTRATOR OF GENERAL SERVICES 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, eighty-sixth Congress begun at the City of Washington on Wednesday, the sixth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty, passed a Joint Resolution in the words and figures as follows: to wit—

Twenty-third
Amendment to the
Constitution.

JOINT RESOLUTION

74 Stat. 1057.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States granting representation in the electoral college to the District of Columbia.

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 the United States which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution only if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

“Article—

“SECTION 1. The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

District of Columbia.
Representation
in electoral college.

“A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the States, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

“SEC. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”

And, further, that it appears from official documents on file in the General Services Administration that the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed as aforesaid has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

States ratifying
proposed amend-
ment.

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

65 Stat. 710.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, John L. Moore, Administrator of General Services, by virtue and in pursuance of Section 106b, Title 1 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 General Services Administration to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

[SEAL]

JOHN L. MOORE

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States concerning representation in the electoral college in the District of Columbia

Enacted 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 only if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

Article

Section 1. The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District is entitled; but in no case shall there be more than three electors. States that shall be admitted to the Union after the date of the adoption of this Article shall be admitted on the basis of the number of electors provided by the Article of the Constitution which they shall have at that time.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AND further, that it appears from original documents on file in the General Services Administration that the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed as aforesaid has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.