

Comparing the U.S. Constitution and the Georgia Constitution

Preamble to the U.S. Constitution

We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure the domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

Preamble to the Georgia Constitution

To perpetuate the principles of free government, insure justice to all, preserve the peace, promote the interest and happiness of the citizen and of the family, and transmit to posterity the enjoyment of liberty, we the people of Georgia, relying on the protection and guidance of almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

Summary of Articles of the U.S. Constitution

- Article 1: The Legislative Branch
- Article 2: The Executive Branch
- Article 3: The Judicial Branch
- Article 4: Relations Among States
- Article 5: The Amendment Process
- Article 6: National Supremacy
- Article 7: Ratification Process
- Amendments 1-10: The Bill of Rights
- Amendments 11-26: Other Amendments

Summary of Articles of the Georgia Constitution

- Article 1: The Bill of Rights
- Article 2: Voting and Elections
- Article 3: Legislative Branch
- Article 4: Constitution Boards & Commissions
- Article 5: Executive Branch
- Article 6: Judicial Branch
- Article 7: Taxation and Finance
- Article 8: Education
- Article 9: Counties & Municipal Corporations
- Article 10: Amendments to the Constitution
- Article 11: Miscellaneous Provisions

Amendment Process: U.S. Constitution

- Amendments may be proposed by a vote of two-thirds of the members of both Houses of Congress or by a constitutional convention.
- Amendments must be ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures or by special state conventions.

Amendment Process: GA Constitution

- Amendments may be proposed by a vote of two-thirds of both Houses of the Georgia Legislature.
- Amendments must be ratified by a majority vote of the general electorate in a statewide referendum.