



The US Constitution can be changed through the amendment process. Read the list of some proposed amendments, or changes, that did not succeed.

The following is a very limited list of some of those proposed amendments that never left the halls of Congress:

- 1876: an attempt to abolish the United States Senate
- 1876: the forbidding of religious leaders from occupying a governmental office or receiving federal funding
- 1878: an Executive Council of Three should replace the office of President
- 1893: renaming this nation the "United States of the Earth"
- 1893: abolishing the United States Army and Navy
- 1894: acknowledging that the Constitution recognizes God and Jesus Christ as the supreme authorities in human affairs.
- 1912: making marriage between races illegal
- 1914: finding divorce to be illegal
- 1916: all acts of war should be put to a national vote. Anyone voting yes had to register as a volunteer for service in the United States Army
- 1933: an attempt to limit the personal wealth to \$1 million
- 1936: an attempt to allow the American people to vote on whether or not the United States should go to war
- 1938: the forbidding of drunkenness in the United States and all of its territories
- 1947: the income tax maximum for an individual should not exceed 25%
- 1948: the right of citizens to segregate themselves from others
- 1971: American citizens should have the alienable right to an environment free of pollution.

There are many times that we wish we could change the rules. Think of a rule, either in life, in class or in your home, that you would like to amend.

Why did you chose that one? Explain your choice and what you would change it be in the future.