



# The 14th Amendment

## Thirty-ninth Congress of the United States; At the First Session,

Begun and held at the City of Washington in the District of Columbia on Monday, the fourth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

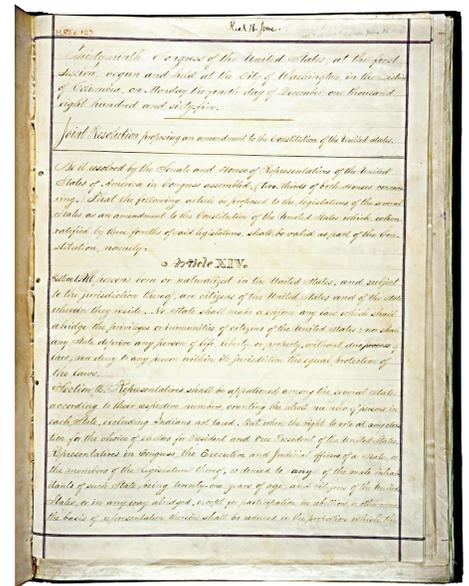
### JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

*BE IT RESOLVED* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses consenting), 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 part of the Constitution namely:

#### Article XIV.

Section 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any laws which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.



The joint resolution of Congress, proposing the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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