

## AMENDMENT 27

### [Compensation of Members of Congress.]

No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

### HISTORY; ANCILLARY LAWS AND DIRECTIVES

#### Explanatory notes:

The Twenty-seventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was submitted to the several states pursuant to a resolution passed by the first Congress of the United States, at its first session, on Sept. 25, 1789, and was certified by the Archivist of the United States on May 18, 1992, 57 Fed. Reg. 21187, to have been ratified by the legislatures of the following states: Alabama, May 5, 1992; Alaska, May 6, 1989; Arizona, April 3, 1985; Arkansas, March 6, 1987; Colorado, April 22, 1984; Connecticut, May 13, 1987; Delaware, January 28, 1790; Florida, May 31, 1990; Georgia, February 2, 1988; Idaho, March 23, 1989; Indiana, February 24, 1986; Iowa, February 9, 1989; Kansas, April 5, 1990; Louisiana, July 7, 1988; Maine, April 27, 1983; Maryland, December 19, 1789; Michigan, May 7, 1992; Minnesota, May 22, 1989; Missouri, May 5, 1992; Montana, March 17, 1987; Nevada, April 26, 1989; New Hampshire, March 7, 1985; New Jersey, May 7, 1992; New Mexico, February 14, 1986; North Carolina, December 22, 1789; North Dakota, March 25, 1991; Ohio, May 6, 1873; Oklahoma, July 10, 1985; Oregon, May 19, 1989; South Carolina, January 19, 1790; South Dakota, February 21, 1985; Tennessee, May 23, 1985; Texas, May 25, 1989; Utah, February 25, 1986; Vermont, November 3, 1791; Virginia, December 15, 1791; West Virginia, March 10, 1988; Wisconsin, July 15, 1987; and Wyoming, March 6, 1978.

Ratification was completed on May 7, 1992.

The amendment was subsequently ratified by California, June 26, 1992; Illinois, May 12, 1992; and Rhode Island, June 10, 1993.

Publication of the certifying statement of the Archivist of the United States that the amendment had become valid was made on May 18, 1992, Fed. Reg. Doc. 92-11951, 57 Fed. Reg. 21187.