



POLITICAL SCIENCE 320

## UNITED STATES CONGRESS

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### Amending Congress

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#### **Reforming Congress by Constitutional Amendment**

In 2 pages double-spaced, write up your proposal for a constitutional amendment to reform some aspect of Congress – how it is designed or how it operates. It could be as big as endorsing James Madison’s Virginia Plan or as small as recorded votes in Congress or filibuster rules. Remember, it should be a problem important enough that the fix that should be enshrined in the Constitution.

Your write-up should include:

- 1) What is your proposal, in as much detail as is possible given limited space?
- 2) Why is this change needed?
- 3) Why is an Amendment needed (rather than some other method of change)
- 4) What would be the main argument against your proposal?
- 5) Would your Amendment surmount each step in the amendment process? (Be clear what those steps are.)