

## **SS.7.C.3.5**

### **Explain the Constitutional amendment process.**

**It's a two-step process:**

**1-Proposed Amendment passes Congress**

two-thirds vote required in the House and also in the Senate

**2-The states then vote to approve or reject it**

requires three-fourths of the states to ratify the Amendment

**Alternative way to start an Amendment**

If two-thirds of the states ask for it, we would have a new Constitutional Convention (*for the first time since 1787*)

this could get an Amendment started without going through Congress

this option has never been used

Whatever comes from the new Constitutional Convention would still need to be approved by three-fourths of the states