



# Voter Rights Timeline

## Constitution—1789 ★

The Constitution gives States the power to set voting requirements.

## Fourteenth Amendment—1868 ★

Citizenship guaranteed to all male persons born or Naturalized in the United States.

## Dawes Act—1887 ★

Citizenship granted to Native Americans willing to disassociate with their tribe the right to vote.

## Indian Citizenship Act—1924 ★

All Native Americans are granted citizenship and the right to vote.

## Twenty Third Amendment—1961 ★

Residents in Washington DC are granted the right to vote in Presidential Elections.

## Twenty Fourth Amendment—1964 ★

Poll tax prohibited from being used as a condition for Voting in Federal Elections.

## Twenty Sixth Amendment—1971 ★

Adults aged 18 through 21 are granted right to vote.

## UOCAVA -1986★

US Military and uniformed services, other citizens overseas living abroad are granted the right to vote.

## ★ 1792 - 1856 White Male Suffrage

Abolition of property qualifications for white men.

## ★ 1870— Fifteenth Amendment

Prevents denying the right to vote by race, color or previous condition of servitude.

## ★ 1920—Nineteenth Amendment

Women are guaranteed the right to vote.

## ★ 1943—Magnuson Act

Chinese immigrants given the right to citizenship and right to vote.

## ★ 1962– 1964—Supreme Court Decisions

Chief Justice Earl Warren made a series of landmark Decisions that helped establish the nationwide “One Man One vote” electoral system.

## ★ 1965—Voting Rights Act of 1965

Protection of voter registration and voting for racial minorities later applies to language minorities.

## ★ 1973—DC Home rule

Washington DC residents right to vote in local elections.

