

# The First Constitution Amendment

## **Preamble:**

Whereas having a constitution is necessary for keeping the government from deviating from the principles of the people, and whereas the current constitution is both ill defined and outdated, the following is proposed:

## **Article 1: The Written Constitution Referendum**

1. Within 48 hours of this amendment passing, the Secretary of Elections shall create a referendum in which all currently enforced legislation shall be voted on with the following question: “Should [Name of Act or Amendment with Link] be formally included as a part of /r/SimDemocracy’s Written Constitution?”
2. The Written Constitution Referendum shall be live for 48 hours.
3. Any legislation included in the Referendum must achieve at least 3/4 votes in favor for it to be included in the written constitution.
4. Any piece of legislation which passes the threshold of 3/4 of the voters on the Written Constitution Referendum shall then be deemed a Constitutional Act, and therefore be included in the Written Constitution.
5. This Amendment shall be deemed as a Constitutional Act by default as of its passing, and as such shall not need to be voted on in the Written Constitution Referendum.

## **Article 2: Changes to the Constitution**

1. After the First Constitution, comprised of all the Constitutional Acts from the Written Constitution Referendum, is formed, new Acts and Amendments can be added to the constitution by any of the following means:
  - 1.1.A Constituent Referendum may be invoked by a Senator, or the President. This referendum shall be organized by the Secretary of Elections. In it the Act at issue is to be voted on with the following question: “Should [Name of Act] be formally included as a part of /r/SimDemocracy’s Written Constitution?” In case no less than 3/4 of the voters vote in agreement, it shall then be deemed as a Constitutional Act, and therefore shall be included as a part of the Written Constitution.

1.2.A Constitutional Bill, or Amendment, may be proposed by a Senator, or the President. The Constitutional Bill, or Amendment, in question must then go through the regular drafting process before being directly presented in a referendum, such one being in the same formula as the one established in Article 2, Section 1.1 of this Amendment.

### **Article 3: Non-Constitutional Legislation**

1. Amendments which are not Constitutional Amendments shall now be voted on by the Senate, following the same procedure as Non-Constitutional Bills.
2. Previously established Acts passed with the intent to amend other Acts [i.e. Fix Acts] shall henceforth be known as Amendments.