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Amendments

Directions: Read the text from the box below about proposing and ratifying an amendment. Fill in the empty boxes with facts from the text. Answer in complete sentences. Use your own words.

To change the Constitution, an amendment can be proposed (written) and ratified (approved). There are two ways to propose an amendment. Congress can write an amendment and pass it with a two-thirds majority vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Secondly, two-thirds of the state legislatures can tell Congress to have a national convention to propose an amendment. Once an amendment is proposed, the amendment must be ratified, or approved, by three-fourths of the state legislatures (38 out of 50 states) or by ratifying conventions in three-fourths of the states. This process ensures that any changes to the Constitution have lots of support from both the federal government and the states.

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