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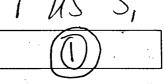
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formal ways of amending the
constitution are one having the amend-
went proposed by 2/3 of both houses of
Congress and 3/4 of State regislatures
ratify the amendment. This way has
trappened 26 rines. The second way is
having me amendment proposed by 3/3 of
both houses and 3/4 of Special State
conventions modes visitoble, as with the repeat
of prohibinion.
Two informal ways to change the Eons-
titution are by using the elastic/"necessary
and proper" clause or by supreme Court
decisions. The elastic clause was used
in expanding the role of Congress in inter-
State commerce. Congress can now regular
grything that crosses state borders. Supreme
Court décisions have been used to change
the accordance moon toing of the constitution
like in 1000 cases where they nationalized
the Bill of Rights through the 14th
anendment. anything necessity to proper to correct the expressed
Informal methods are used most often
because it takes much less work than
formal methods. A lot of support is needed
to add on an amendment to the
Constitution. It is much less difficult
to change the Constitution with the elastic
Clause or Supreme court decisions.

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The United States Constitution has endured for more than two Centuries as the framework of government.

However, the meaning of the Constitution has been Changed both by formal and informal methods.

FORMAL

a) TWO METHODS FOR ADDING AMMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

1. With a 2/s vote in the Congress to propose an ammendment to the constitution and a 3/4 vote of the State Legislatures to catify the ammendment to the Constitution.

2. The Second way is done by calling a convention by 3/3 of the states with a 3/4 vote to ratify

b) TWO INFORMAL METHODS TO CHANGE MEANING OF CONSTITUTION. Court cases. In an affect, the Courts, Primarily the Supreme Court has changed the meaning of the informally by deciding in favor of a certain usue striking down an unconstitutional issue For example, the Warren Court issued in Brown us. Board of Education that the "seperate but equal clause of the Plessy vs. Ferguson case to be unconstitutional and thus overturned. This in affect ammended the constitution informally by establishing Precendent for infuture 2. Evaluate wording in Constitution. Since the constitution was written so that there werent thousands and thousands or rules and quidelines, it opens the meaning of words to be open for discussion. Therefore, the President or Congress can informally change the Constitution by impling their definition of the Constition For example, The President is allowed to do what is "Necessary and Proper" in order

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to ensure & liberty and justice. Presidents Will conceal.
information to the public because they feel it is
"Neccessary" the Public doesn't know for the good of the
nation. This informally changes the Constitution because it
doesn't specifically list this Presidents Power.
<u>d</u>
Informal methods are used more often than formal
ammendment processes because it is very difficult to
get an ammendment passed formally. A second reason
is that 100000 the Founding fathers wanted the Constitution
to remain relatively constant with very little Ammendments

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is to go through the process of getting the am	mendment
passed thorough the longress and through t	
One Informal methodoof changing the	A A !!
Constitution of perspective of enterpretation. I	Erstais other
interpretation. This is taking the someoning	of the Constitution
word for word for what it means. For example who does not be	uple, there is a
to privacy "because the words the we	
in no placed mentioned as a right in the c	a = // A
The second perspective, or mello	
is the loope interpretation of the Constitu	
more to she "sperit of the law" rother the	an the "letter
of the law " It is applying the Constitution	s as et meanings
on they have evolved in a society that has &	wolved. Examples
are in the arguments of implied powers and	
to the states. What those phrases mean one y	
an example is the case with flixon and	the tapes he
Bohad. He had interpretted that he had the rig	ent to books
topes but the courts decided he couldn't I	etause It was
att treat to justice not being served con	ocky.
Informal methods are much lister to ap	ply than formal
methods of the amendment process. Formal	nethrods exuld
toke months and years, where and root	money, Time, and
resources. For the informal oneudoment	to take place
one must only change his/her perspection	ve.
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