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*Constitutional Principles and Structures: SS.7.CG.3.5*

***The Amendment Process***

**READING #2**

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***SS.7.CG.3.5 Benchmark Clarification 2****:* Students will identify the correct sequence of each amendment process.

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| **Step 1: Proposal (Two ways)** | **Step 2: Ratification (approval) by the States (Two ways)** |
| 1. An amendment may be proposed by the Congress with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in both the House ofRepresentatives and the Senate. | 1. Three-quarters (3/4) of the states (at least 38 out of 50) must ratify the amendment by a vote of approval in the state legislature. |
| **OR** | **OR** |
| 2. An amendment may be proposed through a constitutional convention called for by two-thirds (2/3) of the state legislatures. | 2. Three-quarters (3/4) of the states (at least 38 out of 50) must ratify the amendment by a vote of approval at a state ratifying convention. |