Amending the Constitution

Proposing an Amendment

- A 2/3 vote of each House of Congress (ONLY Method used to date)
- A National Convention called by Congress at the request of 2/3 of the States.

Ratifying an Amendment

- Legislatures in ³/₄ of the states ratify an amendment.
- Each State calls a special ratifying convention; the Amendment becomes part of the Constitution when ¾ of these Conventions approve it.

Section 2 Answers

- A. informally
- B. Government leaders
- C. Citizens
- D. enlarged
- E. Clarified
- F. Succession
- G. Judicial review
- H. Judicial activism
- I. Judicial restraint