

Articles of the Constitution (1-395)

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2. Admission or establishment of new states (Repealed)
3. Formation of new states and alteration of areas, boundaries or names of existing states.
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9. Persons voluntarily acquiring citizenship of a foreign state not to be citizens
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16. Equality of opportunity in matters of public employment
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185. The Chairman or the Deputy Chairman not to preside while a resolution for his removal from office is under consideration

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