

Constitutional Convention TimeLine

1781	3/1	<i>Articles of Confederation</i> becomes effective
1786	9/14	Annapolis Convention calls for Convention of all states
1787	2/21	Confederation Congress calls a Convention in Philadelphia (to revise Articles of Confederation)
1787	4/16	Letter from Madison to Washington outlining the <i>Virginia Plan</i>
1787	5/25	Constitutional Convention begins in Philadelphia
1787	5/29	Randolph presents the <i>Virginia Plan</i>
1787	6/15	Paterson presents the <i>New Jersey Plan</i>
1787	6/18	Hamilton presents his plan
1787	7/16	The <i>Great Compromise</i> adopted
1787	7/26	Convention appoints <i>committee of detail</i>
1787	8/6	Committee of detail presents first draft of Constitution to Convention
1787	9/10	Convention assigns draft of Constitution to <i>committee on arrangement and style</i>
1787	9/17	Constitution approved; Convention adjourned
1787	Oct	Anti-Federalist and Federalist Papers and speeches begin (continue through Jun 1788)
1787	12/7	Delaware is first state to ratify Constitution
1787	12/12	Pennsylvania ratifies Constitution
1787	12/18	New Jersey ratifies Constitution
1788	1/2	Georgia ratifies Constitution
1788	1/9	Connecticut ratifies Constitution
1788	2/6	Massachusetts ratifies Constitution
1788	4/26	Maryland ratifies Constitution
1788	5/23	South Carolina ratifies Constitution
1788	6/21	New Hampshire ratifies Constitution
1788	6/25	Virginia ratifies Constitution
1788	6/27	Virginia proposes amendments
1788	7/26	New York ratifies Constitution
1788	8/4	North Carolina rejects ratification
1789	6/8	Madison introduces amendments for Bill of Rights in Congress
1789	11/21	North Carolina ratifies Constitution
1789		New government forms; Washington elected; Congress meets
1790	5/29	Rhode Island ratifies Constitution
1791	11/3	The Bill of Rights takes effect