Landmark Legislation: Thirteenth, Fourteenth, & Fifteenth Amendments

13th Amendment Abolition of Slavery

Passed by Congress January 31, 1865. Ratified December 6, 1865. The 13th Amendment changed a portion of Article IV, Section 2

14th Amendment

Citizenship Rights, Equal Protection, Apportionment, Civil War Debt

Passed by Congress June 13, 1866. Ratified July 9, 1868. The 14th Amendment changed a portion of Article I, Section 2. A portion of the 14th Amendment was changed by the 26th Amendment

15th Amendment

Right to Vote Not Denied by Race

Passed by Congress February 26, 1869. Ratified February 3, 1870