

## **19<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

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First introduced to Congress in January 1878 by California Senator Aaron Sargent, who had befriended Anthony in 1872 and was a dedicated woman suffragist.

### *Date created/enacted*

- Passed by House of Representatives on May 21, 1919.
- Passed by Senate on June 4, 1919.
- Final ratification (by Tennessee) on August 18, 1920.
- Unsuccessful challenged in Leser vs. Garnett in 1922.
- First state to ratify was Wisconsin (June 10, 1920); last state to ratify was Mississippi on March 22, 1984). Seven other states did not ratify until after 1950.

### *Content*

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”