



17th Amendment Simplified - Quiz

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Q1. How many Senators are elected from each state according to the 17th Amendment?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

Q2. How long is the term of a U.S. Senator?

- A. Two years
- B. Four years
- C. Six years
- D. Eight years

Q3. Who elects the Senators under the 17th Amendment?

- A. State legislatures
- B. The President
- C. The people of the state
- D. The House of Representatives

Q4. When was the 17th Amendment ratified?

- A. 1901
- B. 1913
- C. 1920
- D. 1945

Q5. Who can issue writs of election to fill Senate vacancies?

- A. The President
- B. The state executive authority
- C. The Supreme Court
- D. The House of Representatives

Q6. What was a major issue with the pre-17th Amendment Senate election process?

- A. Too many candidates
- B. Corruption and deadlocks
- C. Short terms
- D. Lack of voter interest

Q7. What did the 17th Amendment change about Senate elections?

- A. Made them indirect
- B. Allowed the President to appoint Senators
- C. Established direct election by voters
- D. Reduced the number of Senators per state

Q8. How many states had adopted direct election methods for Senators before the 17th Amendment?

- A. 10
- B. 29
- C. 35
- D. 50

Q9. What role did state legislatures play in Senate elections before the 17th Amendment?

- A. They elected Senators directly
- B. They had no role
- C. They appointed the President
- D. They voted in the House of Representatives

Q10. What is one power state legislatures retained under the 17th Amendment regarding Senate vacancies?

- A. To appoint temporary Senators
- B. To cancel elections
- C. To reduce the number of Senators
- D. To extend Senators' terms

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: C
3. Q3: C
4. Q4: B
5. Q5: B
6. Q6: B
7. Q7: C
8. Q8: B
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: A