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Article 1, section 3 sets up the idea for staggered senatorial elections. But how did they actually do this? I found the surprising answer at:

<http://ricochet.com/intel/First-US-Senate-and-Staggered-Terms>

and thought others would be interested.

In short, they divided the elected Senators in 3 groups & then used a raffle to choose which groups had 2, 4 or 6 years. Pretty neat.

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