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John Paul Stevens has some ideas for a 28th Amendment (to 33rd Amendment)

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John Paul Stevens, who retired from the Supreme Court in 2010, [has some ideas for further amendments](#):

1. The "Anti-Commandeering Rule" (Amend the Supremacy Clause of Article VI) This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges **and other public officials**. in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.
2. Political Gerrymandering – Districts represented by members of Congress, or by members of any state legislative body, shall be compact and composed of contiguous territory. The state shall have the burden of justifying any departures from this requirement by reference to neutral criteria such as natural, political, or historical boundaries or demographic changes. The interest in enhancing or preserving the political power of the party in control of the state government is not such a neutral criterion.
3. Campaign Finance – Neither the First Amendment nor any other provision of this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit the Congress or any state from imposing reasonable limits on the amount of money that candidates for public office, or their supporters, may spend in election campaigns.
4. Sovereign Immunity – Neither the Tenth Amendment, the Eleventh Amendment, nor any other provision of this Constitution, shall be construed to provide any state, state agency, or state officer with an immunity from liability for violating any act of Congress, or any provision of this Constitution.
5. Death Penalty- (Amend the 8th Amendment) Excessive Bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments **such as the death penalty** inflicted.
6. The Second Amendment – (Amend the 2nd Amendment) A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms **when serving in the Militia** shall not be infringed.

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Michael Scott Signature Track · 11 days ago

Business organizations and labor unions are not people therefore don't have a right of unlimited free speech.

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That's not what the Supreme Court thought in Citizens United.

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So tell me about Dred Scott....the SCOTUS does not get it right every time.

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Unfortunately, few of those have any chance of passing. At least not in today's climate.

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Dorothy Frank · 10 days ago

Business organizations and corporations are not people, and therefore do not have eminent domain over the citizens.

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