CE 2d Amending the Constitution

The word “*amend”* means to fix or change.

* When we amend The Constitution, we are adjusting it because something that was written in it is either outdated, or no longer appropriate for our country.
* There are only 27 amendments to the Constitution.
* The first 10 of the amendments are the Bill of Rights.
* So since the Constitution was written, we have only had to make 17 “corrections” to it.
* The amendment process is complex.(difficult)

There are 2 ways to amend the Constitution:

1. Action by Congress: this means that the U.S. Congress gets together and decides that an amendment needs to be done. If it is agreed than the amendment is sent out to the individual states for ratification.

( to ratify something means to approve it) There needs to be ¾ approval of all the states for ratification.

1. Action by convention: Congress calls for an amendment proposing convention

Of the 2 options, Action by Congress has been the only one used so far.

The State of Virginia uses the same process to amend its Constitution.

Action by General Assembly or convention

The citizens of Virginia vote to ratify.

What do you know?

1. How many total amendments are there to the Constitution?
2. 17 c) 27
3. 10 d) 19
4. Ratify means;
5. approve c) disagree
6. remove d) change
7. How many amendments are in the Bill of Rights?

a)17 c) 27

b)10 d) 19