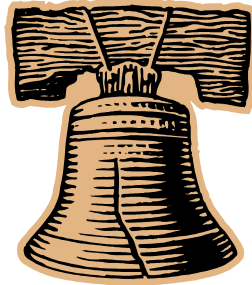


The Articles of Confederation By the Numbers



There were cracks in the system...

- 13 states (i.e., all of them) were required to ratify an amendment to the Articles themselves
- 9 states (two-thirds) were required to pass any law
- 1 vote per state
- 0 power to tax
- 0 power of the executive

Adopted by Continental Congress on November 15, 1777, and in effect until Constitution was ratified by the 9th state, on June 21, 1788