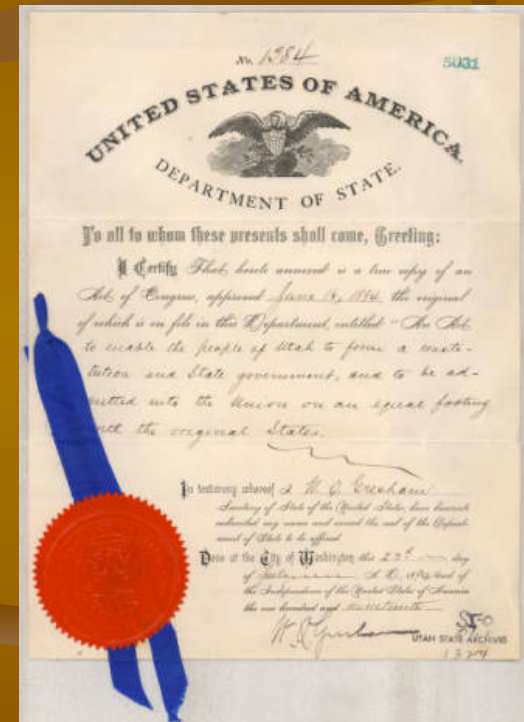
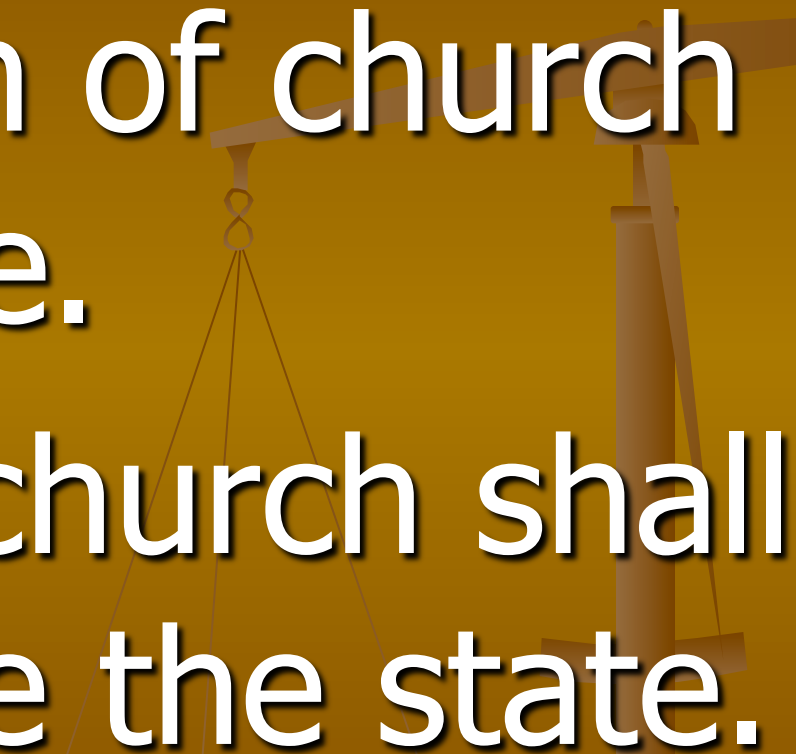



Utah's Constitution



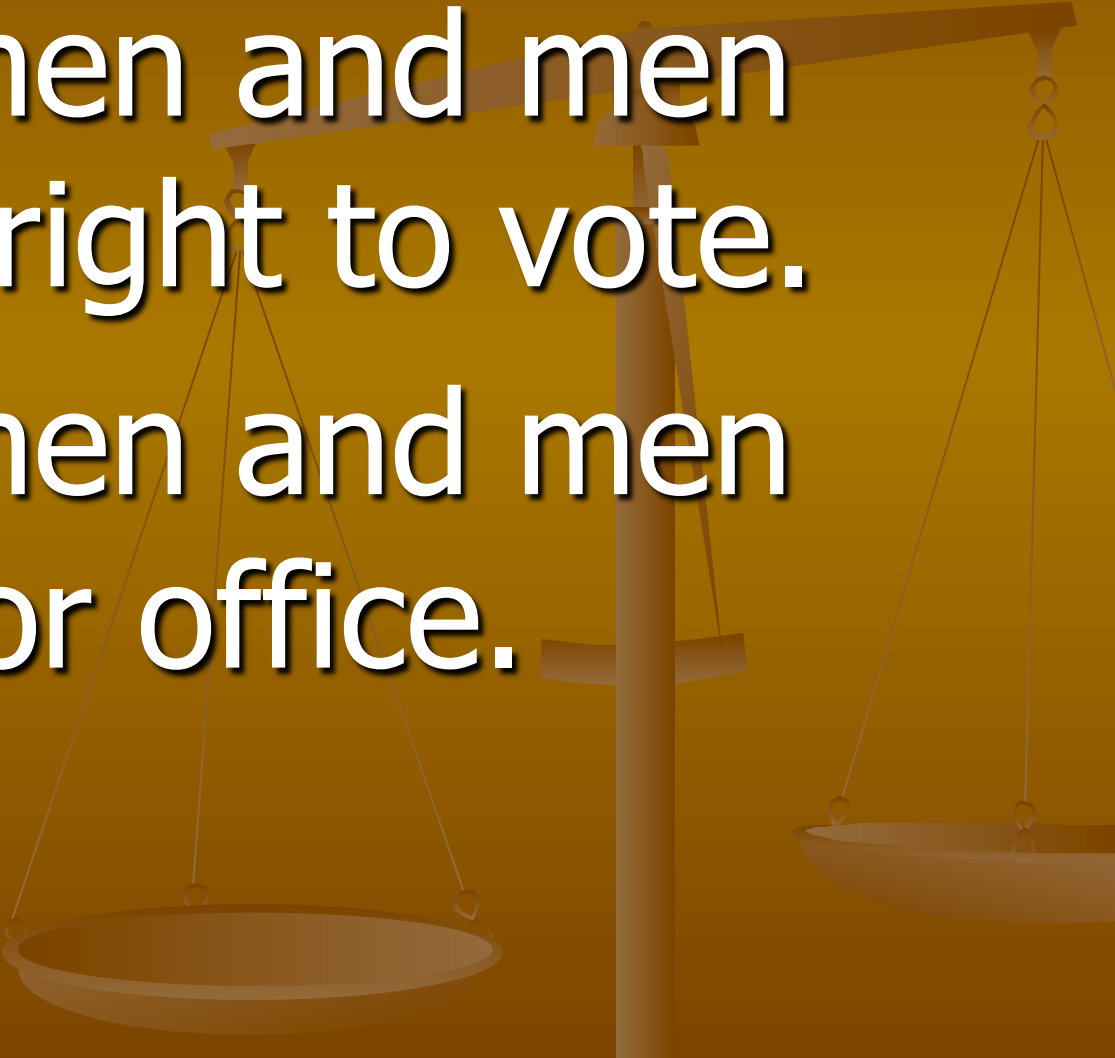
Article I

- No union of church and state.
 - No one church shall dominate the state.
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Article III

- Plural marriage is forever prohibited.
 - Free, non-religious public school system for every child.
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Article IV

- Both women and men have the right to vote.
 - Both women and men can run for office.
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Executive Branch

- Governor
- Carry out and enforce laws.
- Approves or vetoes bills.



Heber M. Wells...Gary Herbert



1st elected Governor.



Current Governor



Legislative Branch

- Senators
- Representatives
- Pass bills into laws.
- 2/3 vote to override a veto.



Evan Vickers is Your STATE Senator



Bradley G. Last is your STATE Representative



Judicial Branch

- Supreme court
- Interpret laws.
- Is law constitutional?
- Fair trials.



Utah Supreme Court



Matthew B. Durrant
Thomas R. Lee
Constandinos Himonas
John A. Pearce
Paige Petersen



Initiative

The process by which Citizens can bypass their state legislature by proposing laws or amendments on a **ballot** (a written vote)

- You write a **bill** (a proposed idea for a law).
- Gather A number of other citizens signatures to **petition** (formally request) the idea be placed on the ballot.
- A vote by the public.
- Also known as a **proposition**

Referendum

A general vote by the people on a single political question which has been referred to them by the state

Process

- You don't like a law passed by the legislature.
 - You and a number of other citizens sign a petition asking for a referendum.
 - A vote by the public.
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