

# Ice Cream & Constitutional Law

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**W**e have an ice cream store in our neck of the woods, and this is how they do things: The server stands behind buckets of ice cream and cold slab of stone. You choose cookie crumbs, nuts, gummy bears, etc., and the server blends them together on the stone before handing it over to enjoy.

This is good metaphor to constitutional law and how our Constitution works. The stone is the articles, and the ice cream/crumbs/nuts/bears are what we want governance to taste



like.

Only two servers can get behind the freezer to create samples: Congress or Convention. Whatever is served, we don't buy it unless 3/4 of the country

wants it. As it is, Congress hasn't offered anything, and some might say is not even behind the counter. The Article V Convention is just another server, and 38 states must approve before it's bought to enjoy. How

sweet the amendment with cookie crumbs which introduce the first official U.S. Voting Unit, or nuts which produce term limits, or gummy bears which make the second Tuesday of November a national holiday, or something which addresses gerrymandering, or something else which publicly funds campaigns.

Ice cream anyone? After all that America has been through lately, shouldn't we treat ourselves? Maybe Mr. Obama can suggest something for us all.