

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH***Qualifications for President***

(See Article II, Section 1)

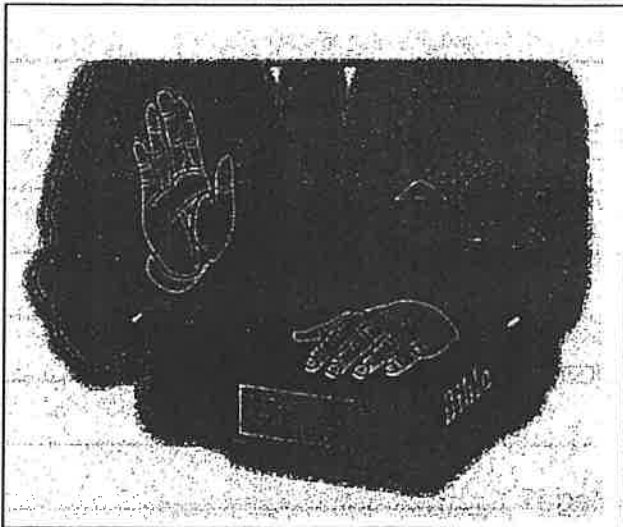
Just as there were requirements to be a representative or a senator, the Constitution set forth certain requirements to be the President of the United States.

In order to be president, a person must be a natural-born citizen of the United States—not an immigrant. He or she must be at least 35 years old and have been a resident of the United States for at least 14 years.

In the event that the president dies or is unfit to continue as president, there is a detailed line of succession. The vice president assumes the power of the presidency first; if he is unable, then the speaker of the House of Representatives takes over. After him is the president pro tempore of the Senate, and then the various Cabinet department heads are in line for succession in order of the establishment of the departments, beginning with the secretary of state. The 25th Amendment outlines what is done when the president dies or is disabled.

The salary of the president is set by the Congress and does not change during the president's term of office. Currently the salary is \$400,000.

The president and vice president are elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. They are sworn in on Inauguration Day, January 20. Usually, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is the person who administers the oath of office to the president at the ceremony. The oath of office is as follows:



"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

"So help me God" is usually added by the presidents.