

Passed by Congress June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920, the **19th Amendment** granted women the right to vote. The suffrage movement actually began in 1848 when a women's rights convention was held. For many years leaders circulated petitions, protested and even went to jail. 36 states were needed for ratification. Alice Paul added a star to her flag each time a state voted in favor of this amendment.