



IMPEACHMENT PROCESS

"Impeachment" means to charge someone in the public sector with misconduct or illegal doings. The Constitution states a high ranked federal official can be removed from position if convicted of high crimes or misdemeanors.

If committee doesn't find enough evidence, the process ends here.

House Judiciary committee reviews the official impeachment inquiry to determine if there is enough evidence to pursue articles of impeachment

If evidence found, the House votes on articles of impeachment

IN THE HOUSE CURRENTLY*, THERE ARE 233 DEMOCRATS AND 196 REPUBLICANS

Less than a majority support impeachment

A simple majority (51%) support impeachment

President remains in office

President is impeached

House may withhold articles, delaying Senate trial

Trial begins in the Senate

The House appoints Senate members to hold a trial. The Supreme Court Chief Justice presides.

IN THE SENATE CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 47* DEMOCRATS AND 53 REPUBLICANS

If less than 2/3 of the Senate votes to convict

If more than 2/3 of the Senate votes to convict

President remains in office

President removed from office and Vice President takes over

*includes one independent and four vacancies

*includes two independents who caucus with democratic party