

Renaming of states

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What is the procedure for renaming of states?

- The Constitution of India provides for the renaming of a state under **Article 3 and Article 4**. A bill for renaming a state may be introduced in the Parliament on the **recommendation of the President**.
- The states are formed on the basis of a law made by the Parliament and there is **no need for an amendment** to rename a state. Further, even though such law contains provision for amendment of 1st and 4th schedule, it shall not be deemed to be an amendment for the purpose of Article 368.
- Before the introduction of the bill, the President shall send the bill to the respective state assembly for expressing their views within a stipulated time. The **views of the state assembly are not binding**, but the process must not be skipped as it is of vital importance as any law so made will be affecting that particular state.
- On the expiry of the period, the bill will be sent to the Parliament for deliberation. The bill in order to take the force of a law must be passed by a **simple majority**. The bill is sent for approval to the President. After the approval of the said bill, the bill becomes a law and the name of the state stands modified.