



TITLE: The Perfect 36: A Reenactment of the Tennessee Vote on Ratification of the 19th Amendment

SESSION DATE: October 9, 2021

SESSION TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

SESSION DESCRIPTION:

The session will recreate one of the most compelling moments in American Legal History – The ratification of the 19th Amendment where women in this country finally earned the right to vote. The final moments of the debate and the political positions taken by the parties to the Special Session of the Tennessee General Assembly where ratification of the amendment needed but one more state to ratify it, and Tennessee voted in favor of ratification by one vote. The strong opinions and the anger of both sides of the issue is represented by the debate where one young Tennessee legislator listened to his mother and switched sides in the Chamber. The issue is much like the debates we experience today on the rights of various subsets of our population, whether it be for equal justice, combating racial bias or eliminating barriers to the ballot box. Learn how the debates reflect contemporary legal issues about equal justice, combating racial bias and eliminating barriers to the ballot box.

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