

## What are entrenched laws?

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**Entrenched Legislation** cannot be repealed or "amended" except by means of certain prescribed procedures, for example, a special majority or referendum. This is usually found in constitutions, to protect minority rights or "to ensure certain fundamental elements of the constitution remained unchangeable". Entrenchment may be rendered ineffective through the repeal or amendment of the section or clause which entrenches the "protected provision."