

**A CONTROLLING CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION**  
*Reconstruction Amendment – The “Authority of Law”*  
**The Thirteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution**



**This is...The “Authority of Law”**

## 13th Amendment

Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.