

## **CH 15 SEC 3 NOTES: SECESSION (502 – 3)**

**1. STATES' RIGHTS – DEFINITION (502)** – idea that states have certain rights that the federal government cannot override.

### **2. OFFICIAL NAME OF SECEDED STATES:**

**Confederate States of America (CSA)**

**3. PRESIDENT OF CSA:** Jefferson Davis

### **4. CSA CONSTITUTION IS BASED ON WHAT DOCUMENT? United States Constitution**

**a. differences**

- 1) Supported states' rights**
- 2) Protected slavery in the Confederacy**
- 3) President term of office: 6 years**

### **CHART – ARGUMENTS REGARDING SECESSION**

<b>WHY SOUTH CAN SECEDE</b>	<b>WHY SOUTH CAN'T SECEDE</b>
<b>1) Since states had voluntarily joined the U.S., they could leave</b>	<b>1) Federal gov't, not states, was sovereign</b>
<b>2) Abolition President threatened their slave based economy.</b>	<b>2) Would make U.S. weaker</b>
<b>3) Northern majority would force the South to abolish slavery.</b>	<b>3) Majority rule – South unwilling to live with results.</b>
	<b>4) Not allowed per the Constitution</b>