

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
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S.F. No. 37

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/05/2023	80	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans
01/11/2023	146	Withdrawn and re-referred to Judiciary and Public Safety
03/06/2023	1334	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Rules and Administration
03/09/2023	1468	Comm report: To pass
	1471	Second reading
05/17/2023	8928	Special Order
	8928	Third reading Passed

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota
- 1.3 Constitution, article I, by adding a section; providing for equality under the law.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

1.6 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment

1.7 is adopted, a section shall be added to article I, to read:

1.8 Sec. 18. Equality under the law shall not be abridged or denied by this state or any of

1.9 its cities, counties, or other political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual

1.10 orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry, or national origin.

1.11 Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

1.12 (a) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2024 general election.

1.13 If ratified, the amendment is effective January 1, 2025. The question submitted must be:

1.14 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended by adding a specific guarantee that

1.15 equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this state or any of its

1.16 cities, counties, or other political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual

1.17 orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry, or national origin?

1.18 Yes.....

1.19 No....."

1.20 (b) The title required under Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1, for the

1.21 question submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be: "Equal Rights Amendment."

2.1 For purposes of this section, state means the state or any agency or political subdivision
 2.2 of the state.

2.3 This section is self-executing. This section does not limit or narrow existing rights in
 2.4 this constitution. Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law,
 2.5 regulation, program, practice, or benefit designed to prevent or remedy discrimination on
 2.6 the basis of characteristics listed in this section.

2.7 **Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

2.8 (a) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2026 general election.
 2.9 If ratified, the amendment is effective January 1, 2027. The question submitted must be:

2.10 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to say that all persons shall be guaranteed
 2.11 equal rights under the laws of this state, and shall not be discriminated against on account
 2.12 of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, or sex, including pregnancy, gender, and
 2.13 sexual orientation?

2.14 Yes

2.15 No "

2.16 (b) The title required under Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1, for the
 2.17 question submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be: "Minnesota Equal Rights
 2.18 Amendment."

2.19 Delete the title and insert:

2.20 "A bill for an act
 2.21 relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota
 2.22 Constitution, article I, by adding a section; providing for equal rights under the
 2.23 law and prohibiting discrimination based on the listed characteristics."