



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1104

LCO No. 6362



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER NEUTRALITY IN THE STATE
CONSTITUTION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 Constitutional Revision Commission, which shall be part of the
3 Legislative Department. The commission shall consist of the following
4 members:
- 5 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 6 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 7 (3) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
8 Representatives;
- 9 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 10 (5) Three appointed by the Governor;
- 11 (6) Three appointed by the Chief Court Administrator; and

12 (9) The Attorney General, or a designee.

13 (b) Any member of the commission appointed under subdivisions
14 (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section may be a member
15 of the General Assembly. All initial appointments to the commission
16 shall be made not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
17 section. The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
18 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the
19 commission from among the members of the commission. Such
20 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the commission, which
21 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
22 section.

23 (c) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
25 government administration shall serve as administrative staff of the
26 commission.

27 (d) The commission shall (1) review the text of the state Constitution
28 to identify all existing gendered language in the text, and (2) make
29 recommendations for the redrafting of such text to replace such
30 language while preserving the meaning of the current text, to reiterate
31 the equality of citizens of all genders before the law.

32 (e) Not later than January 1, 2020, the commission shall submit a
33 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
34 statutes, to the Governor, and the joint standing committee of the
35 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
36 government administration on the findings of the commission, which
37 shall include, but need not be limited to, any recommendations for
38 amendments to the state Constitution necessary to replace any existing
39 gendered language. The commission shall terminate on the date that it
40 submits such report or January 1, 2020, whichever is later.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a commission to review the text of the Constitution of the state to recommend the removal of all gendered language.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]