



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 759**

January Session, 2021



**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 task force  
2 to (1) review the text of the state Constitution to identify all existing  
3 gendered language in the text, and (2) make recommendations for the  
4 redrafting of such text to replace such language while preserving the  
5 meaning of the current text and to reiterate the equality of citizens of all  
6 genders before the law.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

10 (3) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
11 Representatives;

12 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

13 (5) Three appointed by the Governor;

14 (6) Three appointed by the Chief Court Administrator; and

15 (7) The Attorney General, or a designee.

16 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
17 (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
18 General Assembly.

19 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
20 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
21 be filled by the appointing authority.

22 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
23 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
24 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
25 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
26 days after the effective date of this section.

27 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government  
29 administration shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

30 (g) Not later than February 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report  
31 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
32 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
33 government administration, in accordance with the provisions of  
34 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
35 the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2022, whichever is  
36 later.

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

**GAE** Joint Favorable Subst.