



General Assembly

**Senate Joint
Resolution No. 4**

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LCO No. 3046



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF
SEX UNDER THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 Section 1. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
2 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
3 manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and purposes,
4 become a part thereof:

5 Article twenty-first of the amendments to the Constitution is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 No person shall be denied the equal protection of the law nor be
8 subjected to segregation or discrimination in the exercise or enjoyment
9 of his or her civil or political rights because of religion, race, color,
10 ancestry, national origin, sex or physical or mental disability. As used in
11 this section, discrimination in the exercise or enjoyment of civil or
12 political rights because of sex includes, but is not limited to,
13 discrimination, in intent or effect, based on pregnancy, including
14 preventing, initiating, continuing or terminating a pregnancy; sexual

15 orientation; gender identity and expression; and related health care.

16 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
17 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
18 elected at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, and
19 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
20 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024,
21 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments
22 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be
23 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
24 State be amended to amend the equal protection clause to provide that
25 discrimination on the basis of sex includes discrimination based on
26 pregnancy, sexual orientation and gender identity and expression?"