



General Assembly

***Proposed House Joint
Resolution No. 7***

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

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***RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE
CONSTITUTION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 That article first of the Constitution be amended to provide that (1)
- 2 each person shall have an individual right to clean and healthy air,
- 3 water, soil, ecosystems and environment and a safe and stable climate
- 4 for the benefit of public health, safety and the general welfare, (2) the
- 5 state shall not infringe upon said rights and shall protect these rights
- 6 equitably for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, tribal affiliation,
- 7 gender, socioeconomic status or geography, (3) the state shall serve as
- 8 trustee of all of the natural resources of this state, including its waters,
- 9 air, flora, fauna, soils and climate, and shall conserve, protect and
- 10 maintain these resources for the benefit of all people, including present
- 11 and future generations, (4) any funds supporting the state in its
- 12 obligations as trustee as stated shall not be diverted for nontrust
- 13 purposes, and (5) the rights stated are equivalent to all other inalienable
- 14 rights and may be directly invoked and enforced by the residents of this
- 15 state.

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the Constitution of the state concerning environmental rights.