
OLR Bill Analysis

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RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO MAKE REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUALS GENDER-NEUTRAL.

SUMMARY

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment replacing gender-specific language used in various constitutional provisions with gender-neutral terms (e.g., “such person”) or the applicable descriptor (e.g., “the treasurer”).

The ballot designation to be used when the amendment is presented at the general election is: “Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to make all references to individuals gender-neutral?”

EFFECTIVE DATE: If the resolution passes by at least three-fourths of the membership of each house of the General Assembly, it will be placed on the 2026 general election ballot. If it passes by a majority of the membership of each house but less than three-fourths, it will be referred to the 2027 session of the legislature. If it passes in that session by a majority of each house, it will appear on the 2028 general election ballot. If a majority of those voting on the amendment in the general election approve it, the amendment will become part of the state constitution.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/26/2025)