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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SJ 38

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

#### **SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to replace gender-specific language in various constitutional provisions with gender-neutral terms (for example, “such person”) or the applicable descriptor (for example, “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    (03/11/2026)