

By Senator Book

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article III of the State Constitution to provide that neither house of the Legislature may vote on a bill that would affect access to abortion services unless at least half of the members of that house are women.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 7 of Article III of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 7. Passage of bills.—Any bill may originate in either house and after passage in one may be amended in the other; however, neither house may vote on a bill that would affect access to abortion services unless at least half of the members of that house are women. A bill ~~It~~ shall be read in each house on three separate days, unless this requirement ~~rule~~ is waived by two-thirds vote; provided the publication of its title in the journal of a house shall satisfy the requirement for the first reading in that house. On each reading, it shall be read by title only, unless one-third of the members present desire it read in full. On final passage, the vote of each member voting shall be entered on the journal. Passage of a bill shall require

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30 a majority vote in each house. Each bill and joint resolution
31 passed in both houses shall be signed by the presiding officers
32 of the respective houses and by the secretary of the senate and
33 the clerk of the house of representatives during the session or
34 as soon as practicable after its adjournment sine die.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
36 placed on the ballot:

37 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

38 ARTICLE III, SECTION 7

39 REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN.—Proposing an amendment to the
40 State Constitution to provide that neither house of the
41 Legislature may vote on a bill that would affect access to
42 abortion services unless at least half of the members of that
43 house are women.