

By Senator Gibson

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1 Senate Concurrent Resolution

2 A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed  
3 amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
4 relating to equal rights for men and women.

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6 WHEREAS, during the Second Session of the 92nd Congress of  
7 the United States of America, by a constitutional majority of  
8 two-thirds, both houses approved the Equal Rights Amendment, and

9 WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, this proposed amendment to the  
10 Constitution of the United States was sent to the states for  
11 ratification, and

12 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution  
13 authorizes the Legislature of Florida to ratify proposed  
14 amendments to the Constitution of the United States, and

15 WHEREAS, the provisions of the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment  
16 contained a 7-year period for ratification, a deadline the  
17 United States Congress later extended to 1982 after 35 states  
18 had ratified the amendment, and

19 WHEREAS, on February 13, 2020, the United States House of  
20 Representatives passed House Joint Resolution 79 to  
21 retroactively eliminate the ratification deadline from the  
22 amendment, and similar measures have been introduced in the  
23 United States Senate, and

24 WHEREAS, constitutional equality for men and women  
25 continues to be timely in the United States and worldwide, and  
26 many other nations have achieved constitutional equality for men  
27 and women, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House

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30 of Representatives Concurring:

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32 That the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the  
33 United States set forth below is ratified by the Legislature of  
34 the State of Florida.

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"ARTICLE \_\_\_\_

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"SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be  
denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on  
account of sex.

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"SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce,  
by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

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"SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years  
after the date of ratification."

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the  
foregoing preamble and resolution be immediately forwarded by  
the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, under the Great  
Seal of this state, to the President of the United States, the  
Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the  
Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of  
Representatives of the United States, and the Administrator of  
the General Services Administration of the United States.