

Subject Gender-neutral terms in state constitution

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Summary

This bill proposes an amendment to the state constitution to remove gender-specific pronouns and terms. A number of sections of the constitution are impacted, and all of the terms to be amended are currently in a male form (he, his, him, and the like).

The changes in this proposed amendment are not intended to modify the meaning or consequence of any constitutional provision. To the extent a change is found to have a consequential impact in the course of a lawsuit, that change is ineffective but all others would remain in place.

Constitutional amendments are only effective upon ratification by the people at a general election. This bill proposes to submit the changes for ratification at the 2020 state general election.