

Subject Constitutional amendment; Equal Rights Amendment

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Summary

This bill proposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution. The amendment states that all persons shall be guaranteed equal rights under the laws of this state, and prohibits the state from discriminating against any person on account of race; color; national origin; ancestry; disability; or sex, including but not limited to making and effectuating decisions about all matters relating to one's own pregnancy or decision whether to become or remain pregnant, gender identity or gender expression, or sexual orientation. It provides an action by the state that denies an individual's equal rights shall be invalid unless, at a minimum, it is the least restrictive means of achieving a compelling government interest.

If enacted, the proposed amendment will be submitted to the people at the 2026 general election and if ratified, will be effective January 1, 2027.