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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 535 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, FONTANA, HUGHES, KEARNEY, SCHWANK,  
COLLETT, DILLON, KANE, STREET, COSTA, COMITTA, SANTARSIERO,  
TARTAGLIONE AND SAVAL, MARCH 28, 2023

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 28, 2023

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for prohibition against  
3 denial or abridgment of equality of rights because of sex.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That section 28 of Article I be amended to read:

9 § 28. Prohibition against denial or abridgment of equality of  
10 rights because of sex[.], race, ethnicity, color,  
11 religious creed, ancestry, age, sexual orientation,  
12 gender identity or expression, national origin,  
13 familial status or disability.

14 Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or  
15 abridged in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because of the sex,  
16 race, ethnicity, color, religious creed, ancestry, age, sexual  
17 orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin,

1 familial status or disability of the individual.

2 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed  
3 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

4 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
5 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
6 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
7 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
8 of Pennsylvania.

9 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
10 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
11 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
12 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
13 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
14 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this  
15 Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal  
16 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article  
17 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.