
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 842 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, HUGHES, COSTA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, COMMITTA,
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REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

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
16 [sex] race, ethnicity, color, religious creed, ancestry, age,
17 sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national

1 origin, familial status or disability of the individual.

2 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
3 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
4 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
5 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
6 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
7 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
8 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
9 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

10 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
11 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
12 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
13 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
14 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
15 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
16 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
17 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
18 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
19 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
20 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
21 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
22 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
23 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
24 passed by the General Assembly.