

INITIATIVE PETITION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

A proposal to amend the state constitution of 1963 by amending article I, section 2 to prohibit discrimination based on gender, gender identity, sex, and sexual orientation in addition to current constitutional prohibitions on discrimination based on religion, race, color, and national origin. State laws prohibiting discrimination based on race and sex would be construed to also prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation. The full text of the proposal appears on the reverse side of the petition along with the provisions of the existing constitution altered or abrogated by the proposal if adopted. The proposal is to be voted on at the November 8, 2016 general election.

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the county of _____, State of Michigan, respectively petition for amendment to constitution.

WARNING – A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.

MARK WHETHER REGISTERED TO VOTE IN CITY OR TOWNSHIP AND WRITE ITS NAME:	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET NO. IN CITIES AND TOWNSHIPS HAVING STREET NOS. OTHERWISE R.R. NOS.	ZIP CODE	DATE OF SIGNING		
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CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

I, the circulator of this petition, assert that I am 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen, that each signature on the petition was signed in my presence, that I have neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and have no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once, and that, to my best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the city or township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross or check mark in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, I assert that I am not a resident of Michigan and I agree to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by me and I agree that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on me.

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(Signature of Circulator) _____ (Date) ____/____/____

(Printed Name of Circulator) _____

Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route) [Do not enter a post office box]

(City or Township, State, Zip Code) _____

(County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan) _____



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The proposal would amend article I, section 2 of the state constitution as follows (language added in capital letters):

No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his OR HER civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, or national origin. The legislature shall implement this section by appropriate legislation. WHEN USED IN THIS CONSTITUTION OR OTHER STATE LAWS PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BASED UPON SEX, RACE, AND OTHER FACTORS, "GENDER" AND "SEX" SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO INCLUDE GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

Provisions of existing constitution altered or abrogated by the proposal if adopted:

Article I, Section 2

No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color or national origin. The legislature shall implement this section by appropriate legislation.

Article I, Section 25

To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.

Article X, Section 1

The disabilities of coverture as to property are abolished. The real and personal estate of every woman acquired before marriage and all real and personal property to which she may afterwards become entitled shall be and remain the estate and property of such woman, and shall not be liable for the debts, obligations or engagements of her husband, and may be dealt with and disposed of by her as if she were unmarried. Dower may be relinquished or conveyed as provided by law.