

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

Relating to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Whereas, three years after women won the right to vote, the Equal Rights
2 Amendment to the United States Constitution, authored by Alice Paul, head of the National
3 Women's Party, was introduced in Congress by Senator Curtis and Representative Anthony, both
4 Republicans; and

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6 **Whereas**, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution passed
7 the United States Senate and then the United States House of Representatives, and on March 22,
8 1972, the proposed Amendment to the United States Constitution was sent to the states for
9 ratification; and

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11 **Whereas**, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution states:

12 "Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or
13 abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

14 Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate
15 legislation, the provisions of this article.

16 Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of
17 ratification."; and

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19 **Whereas**, Congress placed a deadline of June 30, 1982, on the ratification process
20 and thirty-five states ratified the proposed Amendment before the deadline; and

21 **Whereas**, Congress may not have the constitutional authority to place a deadline
22 on the ratification process; and
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24 **Whereas**, Article V of the United States Constitution allows the General Assembly
25 of the State of Missouri to ratify this proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United
26 States; and
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28 **Whereas**, the General Assembly of the State of Missouri finds that the proposed
29 Amendment is meaningful and needed as part of the United States Constitution and that the
30 present political, social and economic conditions are the same as or are even more demanding
31 today than they were when the proposed Amendment was first submitted for adoption:
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33 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the Missouri House of
34 Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Missouri Senate
35 concurring therein, that the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution is hereby
36 ratified; and
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38 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
39 be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Archivist of the
40 United States, Washington, D.C.; the Vice President of the United States; the Speaker of the
41 United States House of Representatives; and each member of the Missouri Congressional
42 Delegation with request that it be printed in the Congressional Record.