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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY
(to Julie.Pfeiffer@ohioago.gov)

The Honorable Dave Yost
Ohio Attorney General
Attn: Julie M. Pfeiffer, Esq.
Section Chief, Constitutional Offices
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: The Ohio Equal Rights Amendment (Resubmission)

Dear Attorney General Yost:

On July 3, 2025, you certified the title and summary of a proposed constitutional amendment known as the Ohio Equal Rights Amendment and then forwarded the proposed amendment to the Ohio Ballot Board for their review pursuant to R.C. 3505.062(A). On July 9, 2025, the Ballot Board met and determined that the proposed initiative petition contained more than one proposed constitutional amendment. The Ballot Board certified their decision to you on the same day.

Therefore, on behalf of my clients, the Ohio Equal Rights Amendment committee, and petition committee members Elizabeth Schmidt, Lis Regula, Joshua Kayes, Antony Fair, and Ian Neinast, I hereby resubmit the title and summary of the first of two individual petitions arising from the Ballot Board's division of the original initiative petition, now titled the Ohio Equal Rights Amendment, for your review of the title and summary as required pursuant to R.C. 3519.01(A) and R.C. 3505.062(A).

Please contact me at 614-263-7000 or shauff@electionlawgroup.com if you have any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Stacey N. Hauff

Encls.

County: _____

Number: _____

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Attorney General of Ohio: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3519.01(A), the undersigned electors of the State of Ohio, numbering in excess of one thousand, hereby submit to you the full text of a proposed Amendment to the Ohio Constitution and a title and summary of the same.

TITLE

The Ohio Equal Rights Amendment

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would add Section 23, titled “Equality of Rights Under the Law,” to Article I of the Ohio Constitution to:

- Provide that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the State of Ohio or its political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed or religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression regardless of sex assigned at birth, pregnancy status, genetic information, disease status, age, disability, recovery status, familial status, ancestry, national origin, or military and veteran status.
- Prohibit the state and its political subdivisions from enacting or enforcing any law, statute, or regulation that abridges or denies the rights of individuals on any of the grounds listed above, including but not limited to rights in education, employment, housing, healthcare services and health insurance, public spaces and accommodations, state records, and legal identification.
- Provide that no provision in the section shall be interpreted or applied in a way that prevents the adoption or implementation of measures intended to provide equality of treatment and opportunity for members of groups which are commonly marginalized or have historically been subject to discrimination.
- Provide that the section shall be self-executing and be liberally construed in favor of its purpose, and that if any part is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

Elizabeth Schmidt, 4282 State Road Medina, OH, 44256
Lis Regula, 291 S. Terrace Ave. Columbus, OH 43204
Joshua Kayes, 12116 S Pine Dr, Apt 309, Cincinnati, OH 45241
Antony Fair, 11825 Detroit Ave Unit 14 Lakewood, OH 44107
Ian Neinast, 6741 Oakland Rd, Loveland, OH 45140

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article I of the Ohio Constitution is amended to add Section 23 as set forth below.

Article I, Section 23. Equality of Rights Under the Law

- A. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the State of Ohio or its political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed or religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression regardless of sex assigned at birth, pregnancy status, genetic information, disease status, age, disability, recovery status, familial status, ancestry, national origin, or military and veteran status.
- B. The State of Ohio and its political subdivisions shall not enact or enforce any law, statute, or regulation that abridges or denies the rights of individuals on account of race, color, creed or religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression regardless of sex assigned at birth, pregnancy status, genetic information, disease status, age, disability, recovery status, familial status, ancestry, national origin, or military and veteran status. This includes, but is not limited to, the rights of individuals in:
 - 1. Education;
 - 2. Employment;
 - 3. Housing;
 - 4. Healthcare services and health insurance;
 - 5. Public spaces and accommodations;
 - 6. State records; and
 - 7. Legal identification.
- C. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted or applied in a way that prevents the adoption or implementation of measures intended to provide equality of treatment and opportunity for members of groups which are commonly marginalized or that have historically been subject to discrimination.
- D. This section is self-executing.
- E. This section shall be liberally construed in favor of its purpose. If any part of this section is held invalid, the remainder of the section shall not be affected by such holding and shall continue in full force and effect.