

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.