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IN ASSEMBLY

May 26, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Seawright, Simon) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary -committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 1 of the constitution, in relation to equality of rights and protection against discrimination

Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That article 1 of the 1 2 constitution be amended by adding a new section 20 to read as follows: § 20. (a) No person shall be denied equal rights under the laws of 3 4 this state or any subdivision thereof based on that person's race, 5 color, ethnicity, national origin, disability, or sex including pregnan-6 cy and pregnancy outcomes, sexual orientation, gender identity, and 7 gender expression. (b) No government entity, nor any entity acting in concert with or on 8 behalf of the government, shall discriminate against any person in 9 10 either intent or effect based on the characteristics listed in subdivi-11 sion (a) of this section. (c) Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption 12 13 of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent 14 or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in 15 this section. 16 (d) This section shall be self-executing. 17 § 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be 18 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the

18 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the 19 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in 20 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be 21 published for three months previous to the time of such election.

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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