

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION J

July 01, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Rabhi, Brabec, Cherry, Clemente, Hood, Weiss, Hertel, Morse, Anthony, Tate, Garza, Haadsma, Sneller, Tyrone Carter, Scott, Rogers, Sowerby, Aiyash, Brixie and Kuppa and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 1 of article X; and repealing section 25 of article I, to remove gender limitations.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to remove gender limitations, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

1 ARTICLE I

2 ~~Sec. 25. To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for~~
3 ~~our society and for future generations of children, the union of~~

1 ~~one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement~~
2 ~~recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.~~

3 ARTICLE X

4 Sec. 1. The disabilities of coverture as to property are
5 abolished. The real and personal estate of ~~every woman-an~~
6 **individual** acquired before marriage and all real and personal
7 property to which ~~she-that~~ **individual** may afterwards become
8 entitled shall be and remain the estate and property of ~~such woman,~~
9 **that individual**, and shall not be liable for the debts, obligations
10 or engagements of ~~her husband,~~ **his or her spouse**, and may be dealt
11 with and disposed of by ~~her-that~~ **individual** as if **he or** she were
12 unmarried. Dower may be relinquished or conveyed as provided by
13 law.

14 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
15 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
16 in the manner provided by law.