



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0002

Introduced 1/28/2019, by Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. I, Sec. 1

Proposes to amend the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that all people (rather than men) are by nature free and independent and have certain inherent and inalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Provides that to secure these rights and the protection of property, governments are instituted among people (rather than men), deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Section 1 of Article I
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE I
11 BILL OF RIGHTS

12 (IILCON Art. I, Sec. 1)

13 SECTION 1. INHERENT AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS

14 All people ~~men~~ are by nature free and independent and have
15 certain inherent and inalienable rights among which are life,
16 liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights
17 and the protection of property, governments are instituted
18 among people ~~men~~, deriving their just powers from the consent
19 of the governed.

20 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

21 SCHEDULE

22 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being

1 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
2 Constitutional Amendment Act.