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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 173

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

A bill for an act

relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article I, by adding a section; providing for equality under the law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, a section shall be added to article I, to read:

Sec. 18. Equality under the law shall not be abridged or denied by this state or any of its cities, counties, or other political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry, or national origin.

Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

(a) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2024 general election. If ratified, the amendment is effective January 1, 2025. The question submitted must be:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended by adding a specific guarantee that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this state or any of its cities, counties, or other political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry, or national origin?

Yes.....

No....."

(b) The title required under Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1, for the question submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be: "Equal Rights Amendment."