

Taxation and Budget Reform Commission Resolution

A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article I of the State Constitution providing that an individual or entity may not be barred from participating in any public program on the basis of religion and repealing a prohibition against using public revenues in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or any sectarian institution.

Be It Resolved by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission:

That the following amendment to Section 3 of Article I of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 3. Religious freedom.--There shall be no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace, or safety. An individual or entity may not be barred from participating in any public program on the basis of religion. ~~No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.~~

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
30 placed on the ballot:

31 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

32 ARTICLE I, SECTION 3

33 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.--Proposing an amendment to the State
34 Constitution to provide that an individual or entity may not be
35 barred from participating in any public program on the basis of
36 religion and to delete the prohibition against using revenues
37 from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any
38 church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any
39 sectarian institution.

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