

1 Resolution of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission
2 A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of
3 Article I of the State Constitution to repeal a limit on
4 the use of public revenues in aid of religious
5 organizations and entities, and to prohibit individuals
6 and entities from being barred from participating in
7 public programs because of their religion.

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9 Be It Resolved by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission:

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

16 ARTICLE I

17 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

18 SECTION 3. Religious freedom.—There shall be no law
19 respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or
20 penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall
21 not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace or
22 safety. Individuals or entities may not be barred from
23 participating in public programs because of their religion. ~~No~~
24 ~~revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency~~
25 ~~thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or~~
26 ~~indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination~~
27 ~~or in aid of any sectarian institution.~~

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

30 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

31 ARTICLE I, SECTION 3

32 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.--Amends Article I, Section 3 of the
33 State Constitution by stating that individuals or entities may
34 not be barred from participating in public programs because of
35 their religion and deleting the prohibition on use of revenues
36 from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any
37 church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any
38 sectarian institution.