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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: The Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Elimination of gender specific references. Removes gender specific references from the Constitution of the State of Indiana. Makes certain other technical changes.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 1, Article 2, Article 4, Article 5, Article 6, Article 7, and Article 15 of the Indiana Constitution concerning gender specific references.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2	State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
3	Twenty-First General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred
4	to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
5	SECTION 2. ARTICLE 1, SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION
6	OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7	FOLLOWS: Section 4. No preference shall be given, by law, to any
8	creed, religious society, or mode of worship; and no person shall be
9	compelled to attend, erect, or support, any place of worship, or to
10	maintain any ministry, against his the person's consent.
11	SECTION 3. ARTICLE 1, SECTION 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION
12	OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS



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1 FOLLOWS: Section 7. No person shall be rendered incompetent as a 2 witness, in consequence of his the person's opinions on matters of 3 religion. 4 SECTION 4. ARTICLE 1, SECTION 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION 5 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS 6 FOLLOWS: Section 12. All courts shall be open; and every person, for 7 injury done to him in his the person, or the person's property or 8 reputation, shall have remedy by due course of law. Justice shall be 9 administered freely, and without purchase; completely, and without 10 denial; speedily, and without delay. SECTION 5. ARTICLE 1, SECTION 13 OF THE CONSTITUTION 11 12 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS 13 FOLLOWS: Section 13. (a) In all criminal prosecutions the accused 14 shall have has the right: 15 (1) to a public trial, by an impartial jury, in the county in which 16 the offense shall have been committed; 17 (2) to be heard by himself and personally, by counsel, and by 18 both; 19 (3) to demand the nature and cause of the accusation, against him, 20 and to have a copy thereof; 21 (4) to meet the witnesses face to face; and 22 (5) to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his the 23 accused's favor. 24 (b) Victims of crime, as defined by law, shall have the right to be 25 treated with fairness, dignity, and respect throughout the criminal justice process; and, as defined by law, to be informed of and present 26 27 during public hearings and to confer with the prosecution, to the extent 28 that exercising these rights does not infringe upon the constitutional 29 rights of the accused. 30 SECTION 6. ARTICLE 1, SECTION 29 OF THE CONSTITUTION 31 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS 32 FOLLOWS: Section 29. No person shall be convicted of treason, 33 except on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or upon 34 his the person's confession in open court. 35 SECTION 7. ARTICLE 2, SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS 36 37 FOLLOWS: Section 4. No person shall be deemed to have lost his the 38 person's residence in the State, Indiana, by reason of his the person's 39 absence, either on business of this State the state or of the United 40 States. 41 SECTION 8. ARTICLE 2, SECTION 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION

42 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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FOLLOWS: Section 6. Every person shall be disqualified from holding office, during the term for which he the person may have been elected, who shall have given or offered a bribe, threat, or reward, to procure his the person's election.

5 SECTION 9. ARTICLE 2, SECTION 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION
6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS: Section 10. No person who may hereafter be a collector or
8 holder of public moneys, shall be eligible to any office of trust or profit,
9 until he the person shall have accounted for, and paid over, according
10 to law, all sums for which he the person may be liable.

SECTION 10. ARTICLE 4, SECTION 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION 11 12 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS 13 FOLLOWS: Section 7. No person shall be a Senator or a 14 Representative, who, at the time of his the person's election, is not a 15 citizen of the United States; nor any one who has not been for two years 16 next preceding his the person's election, an inhabitant of this State, 17 Indiana, and, for one year next preceding his the person's election, an 18 inhabitant of the district whence he the person may be chosen. 19 Senators shall be at least twenty-five, and Representatives at least 20 twenty-one years of age.

21 SECTION 11. ARTICLE 4, SECTION 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION 22 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS 23 FOLLOWS: Section 9. The sessions of the General Assembly shall be 24 held at the state capitol, of the State, commencing on the Tuesday next 25 after the second Monday in January of each year in which the General Assembly meets unless a different day or place shall have been 26 27 appointed by law. But if, in the opinion of the Governor, the public welfare shall require it, he the Governor may, at any time by 28 proclamation, call a special session. The length and frequency of the 29 30 sessions of the General Assembly shall be fixed by law.

SECTION 12. ARTICLE 4, SECTION 26 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO
READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 26. Any member of either House shall
have the right to protest, and to have his the member's protest, with his
the member's reasons for dissent, entered on the journal.

36 SECTION 13. ARTICLE 4, SECTION 30 OF THE
37 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO
38 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 30. No Senator or Representative shall,
39 during the term for which he the Senator or Representative may have
40 been elected, be eligible to any office, the election to which is vested
41 in the General Assembly; nor shall he the Senator or Representative
42 be appointed to any civil office of profit, which shall have been created,



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or the emoluments of which shall have been increased, during such
 term; but this latter provision shall not be construed to apply to any
 office elective by the People.

SECTION 14. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
FOLLOWS: Section 1. The executive power of the State shall be vested
in a Governor. He The Governor shall hold his office during four
years, and shall not be eligible more than eight years in any period of
twelve years.

SECTION 15. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 FOLLOWS: Section 2. There shall be a Lieutenant Governor, who shall
 hold his office during four years.

SECTION 16. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION 14 15 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS 16 FOLLOWS: Section 4. Each candidate for Lieutenant Governor shall 17 run jointly in the general election with a candidate for Governor. and 18 his The name of the candidate for Lieutenant Governor shall appear 19 jointly on the ballot with the candidate for Governor. Each vote cast for 20 a candidate for Governor shall be considered cast for the candidate for 21 Lieutenant Governor as well. The candidate for Lieutenant Governor 22 whose name appears on the ballot jointly with that of the successful 23 candidate for Governor shall be elected Lieutenant Governor.

24 SECTION 17. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION 25 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS 26 FOLLOWS: Section 7. No person shall be eligible to the office of 27 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, who shall not have been five years 28 a citizen of the United States, and also a resident of the State of Indiana during the five years next preceding his the person's election; nor shall 29 30 any person be eligible to either of the said offices, who shall not have 31 attained the age of thirty years.

32 SECTION 18. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 13 OF THE
33 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO
34 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 13. The Governor shall, from time to
35 time, give to the General Assembly information touching the condition
36 of the state, and recommend such measures as he the Governor shall
37 judge to be expedient.

SECTION 19. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 14 OF THE
 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO
 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 14. (a) Every bill which shall have
 passed the General Assembly shall be presented to the Governor. The
 Governor shall have seven days after the day of presentment to act



1	upon such bill as follows:
2	(1) He The Governor may sign it, in which event it shall become
3	a law.
4	(2) He The Governor may veto it:
5	(A) In the event of a veto while the General Assembly is in
6	session, he the Governor shall return such bill, with his the
7	Governor's objections, within seven days of presentment, to
8	the House in which it originated. If the Governor does not
9	return the bill within seven days of presentment, the bill
10	becomes a law notwithstanding the veto.
11	(B) If the Governor returns the bill under clause (A), the
12	House in which the bill originated shall enter the Governor's
13	objections at large upon its journals and proceed to reconsider
14	and vote upon whether to approve the bill. The bill must be
15	reconsidered and voted upon within the time set out in clause
16	(C). If, after such reconsideration and vote, a majority of all
17	the members elected to that House shall approve the bill, it
18	shall be sent, with the Governor's objections, to the other
19	House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered and voted
20	upon, and, if approved by a majority of all the members
21	elected to that House, it shall be a law.
22	(C) If the Governor returns the bill under clause (A), the
23	General Assembly shall reconsider and vote upon the approval
24	of the bill before the final adjournment of the next regular
25	session of the General Assembly that follows the regular or
26	special session in which the bill was originally passed. If the
27	House in which the bill originated does not approve the bill
28	under clause (B), the other House is not required to reconsider
29	and vote upon the approval of the bill. If, after voting, either
30	House fails to approve the bill within this time, the veto is
31	sustained.
32	(D) In the event of a veto after final adjournment of a session
33	of the General Assembly, such bill shall be returned by the
34	Governor to the House in which it originated on the first day
35	that the General Assembly is in session after such
36	adjournment, which House shall proceed in the same manner
37	as with a bill vetoed before adjournment. The bill must be
38	reconsidered and voted upon within the time set out in clause
39	(C). If such bill is not so returned, it shall be a law
40	notwithstanding such veto.
41	(3) He The Governor may refuse to sign or veto such the bill in
42	which event it shall become a law without his the Governor's



signature on the eighth day after presentment to the Governor.

(b) Every bill presented to the Governor which is signed by him the Governor or on which he the Governor fails to act within said seven days after presentment shall be filed with the Secretary of State within ten days of presentment. The failure to so file shall not prevent such a the bill from becoming a law.

(c) In the event a bill is passed over the Governor's veto, such the
bill shall be filed with the Secretary of State without further
presentment to the Governor, provided that, in the event of such
passage over the Governor's veto in the next succeeding General
Assembly, the passage shall be deemed to have been the action of the
General Assembly which initially passed such the bill.

13 SECTION 20. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 17 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO 14 15 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 17. The Governor may grant reprieves, 16 commutations, and pardons, after conviction, for all offenses except 17 treason and cases of impeachment, subject to such regulations as may 18 be provided by law. Upon conviction for treason, the Governor may 19 suspend the execution of the sentence, until the case has been reported 20 to the General Assembly, at its next meeting, when the General 21 Assembly shall either grant a pardon, commute the sentence, direct the 22 execution of the sentence, or grant a further reprieve. The Governor 23 may remit fines and forfeitures, under such regulations as may be 24 provided by law; and shall report to the General Assembly, at its next 25 meeting, each case of reprieve, commutation, or pardon granted, and 26 also the names of all persons in whose favor remission of fines and 27 forfeitures were made, and the several amounts remitted; provided, 28 however, the General Assembly may, by law, constitute a council 29 composed of officers of State, without whose advice and consent the 30 Governor may not grant pardons, in any case, except those left to his 31 the Governor's sole power by law.

32 SECTION 21. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 21 OF THE 33 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO 34 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 21. The Lieutenant Governor shall, by 35 virtue of his office, be President of the Senate; have a right, when in 36 committee of the whole, to join in debate, and to vote on all subjects; 37 and, whenever the Senate shall be equally divided, he the Lieutenant Governor shall give the casting vote. 38

39 SECTION 22. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 22 OF THE
40 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO
41 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 22. The Governor shall, at stated times,
42 receive for his services a compensation, which shall neither be



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increased nor diminished, during the term for which he the Governor
 shall have been elected.

3 SECTION 23. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 23 OF THE 4 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO 5 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 23. The Lieutenant Governor, while he 6 shall act for acting as President of the Senate, shall receive for his 7 services, the same compensation as the Speaker of the House of 8 Representatives; and any person, acting as Governor, shall receive the 9 compensation attached to the office of Governor.

SECTION 24. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 24 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO
READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 24. Neither the Governor nor
Lieutenant Governor shall be eligible to any other office, during the
term for which he the Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall have
been elected.

SECTION 25. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
FOLLOWS: Section 4. No person shall be elected, or appointed, as a
county officer, who is not an elector of the county and who has not
been an inhabitant of the county one year next preceding his the
person's election or appointment.

22 SECTION 26. ARTICLE 7, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION 23 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS 24 FOLLOWS: Section 3. Chief Justice. (a) The Chief Justice of the State 25 shall be selected by the judicial nominating commission from the 26 members of the Supreme Court and he shall retain that office for a 27 period of five years, subject to reappointment in the same manner, 28 except that a member of the Court may resign the office of Chief 29 Justice without resigning from the Court. During a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice caused by absence, illness, incapacity or 30 31 resignation all powers and duties of that office shall devolve upon the 32 member of the Supreme Court who is senior in length of service and if 33 equal in length of service the determination shall be by lot until such 34 time as the cause of the vacancy is terminated or the vacancy is filled.

(b) The Chief Justice of the State shall appoint such persons as the General Assembly by law may provide for the administration of his the Chief Justice's office. The Chief Justice shall have prepared and submit to the General Assembly regular reports on the condition of the courts and such other reports as may be requested.

40 SECTION 27. ARTICLE 7, SECTION 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION
41 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
42 FOLLOWS: Section 7. Judicial Circuits. The State shall, from time to



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1 time, be divided into judicial circuits; and a Judge for each circuit shall 2 be elected by the voters thereof. He The circuit Judge shall: 3 (1) reside within the circuit; and shall 4 (2) have been duly admitted to practice law by the Supreme Court 5 of Indiana; he shall and 6 (3) hold his office for the term of six years, if he the Judge so 7 long behaves well. 8 SECTION 28. ARTICLE 7, SECTION 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION 9 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 9. Judicial Nominating Commission. (a) There 10 shall be one judicial nominating commission for the Supreme Court 11 12 and Court of Appeals. This commission shall, in addition, be the 13 commission on judicial qualifications for the Supreme Court and Court 14 of Appeals. 15 (b) The judicial nominating commission shall consist of seven members, a majority of whom shall form a quorum, one of whom shall 16 17 be the Chief Justice of the State or a Justice of the Supreme Court whom he may designate, who designated by the Chief Justice. The 18 19 Chief Justice or the Justice designated by the Chief Justice shall act 20 as chairman. the commission's chair. Those admitted to the practice 21 of law shall elect three of their number to serve as members of said the 22 commission. All elections shall be in such manner as the General 23 Assembly may provide. The Governor shall appoint to the commission 24 three citizens, not admitted to the practice of law. The terms of office 25 and compensation for members of a judicial nominating commission shall be fixed by the General Assembly. No member of a judicial 26 27 nominating commission other than the Chief Justice or his the Chief Justice's designee shall hold any other salaried public office. No 28 29 member shall hold an office in a political party or organization. No 30 member of the judicial nominating commission shall be eligible for 31 appointment to a judicial office so long as he is a member of during 32 the member's tenure on the commission and for a period of three 33 years thereafter. after the member's tenure ends. 34 SECTION 29. ARTICLE 7, SECTION 10 OF THE 35 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO 36 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 10. Selection of Justices of the 37 Supreme Court and Judges of the Court of Appeals. (a) A vacancy in 38 a judicial office in the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals shall be 39 filled by the Governor, without regard to political affiliation, from a list 40 of three nominees presented to him the Governor by the judicial nominating commission. If the Governor shall fail to make an 41 42 appointment from the list within sixty days from the day it is presented,



to him, the appointment shall be made by the Chief Justice or the acting 2 Chief Justice from the same list.

3 (b) To be eligible for nomination as a justice of the Supreme Court 4 or Judge of the Court of Appeals, a person must be domiciled within 5 the geographic district, a citizen of the United States, admitted to the 6 practice of law in the courts of the State for a period of not less than ten 7 (10) years or must have served as a judge of a circuit, superior or 8 criminal court of the State of Indiana for a period of not less than five 9 (5) years.

10 SECTION 30. ARTICLE 7, SECTION 11 OF THE 11 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO 12 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 11. Tenure of Justices of Supreme 13 Court and Judges of the Court of Appeals. (a) A justice of the Supreme 14 Court or judge of the Court of Appeals shall serve until the next general 15 election following the expiration of two years from the date of 16 appointment, and subject to approval or rejection by the electorate, shall continue to serve for terms of ten years, so long as he the justice 17 18 or judge retains his office. In the case of a justice of the Supreme 19 Court, the electorate of the entire state shall vote on the question of 20 approval or rejection. In the case of judges a judge of the Court of 21 Appeals, the electorate of the geographic district in which he the judge 22 serves shall vote on the question of approval or rejection.

23 (b) Every such justice and judge shall retire at the age specified by 24 statute in effect at the commencement of his the justice's or judge's 25 current term.

(c) Every such justice or judge is disqualified from acting as a judicial officer, without loss of salary, while there is pending:

(1) an indictment or information charging him the justice or judge in any court in the United States with a crime punishable as a felony under the laws of Indiana or the United States; or (2) a recommendation to the Supreme Court by the commission on judicial qualifications for his the justice's or judge's removal or retirement.

(d) On recommendation of the commission on judicial qualifications or on its own motion, the Supreme Court may suspend such justice or judge from office without salary when in any court in the United States he the justice or judge pleads guilty or no contest or is found guilty of a crime punishable as a felony under the laws of Indiana or the United States, or of any other crime that involves moral turpitude under that law. If his the justice's or judge's conviction is reversed, suspension terminates and he the justice or judge shall be paid his the justice's or judge's salary for the period of suspension. If he the justice or



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1 judge is suspended and his the conviction becomes final the Supreme 2 Court shall remove him the justice or judge from office. 3 (e) On recommendation of the commission on judicial qualifications 4 the Supreme Court may: 5 (1) retire such justice or judge for disability that seriously 6 interferes with the performance of his duties and is or is likely to become permanent; and 7 8 (2) censure or remove such justice or judge, for action occurring 9 not more than six years prior to the commencement of his the justice's or judge's current term, when such action constitutes 10 willful misconduct in office, willful and persistent failure to 11 12 perform his duties, habitual intemperance, or conduct prejudicial 13 to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into 14 disrepute. 15 (f) A justice or judge so retired by the Supreme Court shall be 16 considered to have retired voluntarily. A justice or judge so removed 17 by the Supreme Court is ineligible for judicial office and pending 18 further order of the Court, he is suspended from practicing law in this 19 State. 20 (g) Upon receipt by the Supreme Court of any such 21 recommendation, the Court shall hold a hearing, at which such justice 22 or judge is entitled to be present, and make such determinations as 23 shall be required. No justice shall participate in the determination of 24 such hearing when it concerns himself. the justice. 25 (h) The Supreme Court shall make rules implementing this section and provide for convening of hearings. Hearings and proceedings shall 26 27 be public upon request of the justice or judge whom it concerns. 28 (i) No such justice or judge shall, during his the justice's or judge's 29 term of office, engage in the practice of law, run for elective office 30 other than a judicial office, directly or indirectly make any contribution 31 to, or hold any office in, a political party or organization or take part in 32 any political campaign. 33 SECTION 31. ARTICLE 7, SECTION 12 OF THE 34 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO 35 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 12. Substitution of Judges. The General 36 Assembly may provide, by law, that the judge of one circuit may hold 37 the courts of another circuit, in cases of necessity or convenience; and 38 in case of temporary inability of any judge, from sickness or other 39 cause, to hold the courts in his the judge's circuit, provision may be 40 made, by law, for holding such courts. 41 SECTION 32. ARTICLE 7, SECTION 16 OF THE 42 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO



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READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 16. Prosecuting Attorneys. There shall 1 2 be elected in each judicial circuit by the voters thereof residing in each 3 judicial circuit a prosecuting attorney, who shall have been admitted 4 to the practice of law in this State before his the prosecuting 5 attorney's election, who shall hold his office for four years, and whose 6 term of office shall begin on the first day of January next succeeding 7 his the prosecuting attorney's election. The election of prosecuting 8 attorneys under this section shall be held at the time of holding the 9 general election in the year 1974 and each four years thereafter. SECTION 33. ARTICLE 15, SECTION 3 OF THE 10 11 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO 12 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 3. Whenever it is provided in this 13 Constitution, or in any law which may be hereafter passed, that any 14 officer, other than a member of the General Assembly, shall hold his 15 office for any given term, the same shall be construed to mean, that 16 such officer shall hold his office for such term, and until his the 17 officer's successor shall have been elected and qualified.

