

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the right to work.

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 648 of the One Hundred Eleventh General Assembly, known as the "Right to Work Amendment", which proposed amendment of Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the right to work, was considered and agreed upon by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two houses, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals; and

WHEREAS, such resolution proposing such amendment was published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, protecting the right of Tennesseans to join or refuse to join a labor union or employee organization is a fundamental civil right; and

WHEREAS, this right to work has played a crucial role in Tennessee's thriving economy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new section:

It is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or this state or its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person by reason of the person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, the foregoing proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at the next general election in which a governor is to be chosen, the same being the 2022 November general election, and the Secretary of State is directed to place such proposed amendment on the ballot for that election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to deliver copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State, with this final resolving clause being deleted from such copies.