

**JOINT RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL PARTIES AND  
THEIR CANDIDATES**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to enact a provision relating to political parties and their candidates.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ prohibit the infringement of the right of a political party to nominate its candidates using a process that the party defines; and
- ▶ prohibit the exercise of that right from being the basis for giving a political party or its candidates unequal treatment on the ballot or in the election process.

**Special Clauses:**

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2015 for this proposal.

**Utah Constitution Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**ARTICLE IV, SECTION 11**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:*

Section 1. It is proposed to enact Utah Constitution Article IV, Section 11, to read:



28           **Article IV, Section 11. [Political party right to nominate candidates -- Unequal**  
29 **treatment prohibited.]**

30           (1) The right of a political party to nominate its candidates using a process that the  
31 political party defines may not be infringed.

32           (2) A political party's exercise of its right described in Subsection (1) may not be the  
33 basis for the state or a political subdivision of the state giving the political party unequal  
34 treatment on the ballot or in the election process.

35           **Section 2. Submittal to voters.**

36           The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of  
37 the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

38           **Section 3. Contingent effective date.**

39           If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those  
40 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,  
41 2015.

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