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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa to make references to the governor in
3 the Constitution of the State of Iowa gender neutral.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 1. Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of
4 the State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 4 of the
5 Amendments of 1968, is amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 16. **Executive approval — veto — item veto by**
7 **governor.** Every bill which shall have passed the general
8 assembly, shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the
9 governor. If ~~he approve~~ the governor approves, ~~he~~ the governor
10 shall sign it; but if not, ~~he~~ the governor shall return it
11 with ~~his~~ the governor's objections, to the house in which it
12 originated, which shall enter the same upon ~~their~~ its journal,
13 and proceed to reconsider it; if, after such reconsideration,
14 it again ~~pass~~ passes both houses, by yeas and nays, by a
15 majority of two thirds of the members of each house, it shall
16 become a law, notwithstanding the governor's* objections. If
17 any bill shall not be returned within three days after it shall
18 have been presented to ~~him~~ the governor, Sunday excepted, the
19 same shall be a law in like manner as if ~~he~~ the governor had
20 signed it, unless the general assembly, by adjournment, ~~prevent~~
21 prevents such return. Any bill submitted to the governor for
22 ~~his~~ the governor's approval during the last three days of a
23 session of the general assembly, shall be deposited by ~~him~~ the
24 governor in the office of the secretary of state, within thirty
25 days after the adjournment, with ~~his~~ the governor's approval,
26 if approved by ~~him~~ the governor, and with ~~his~~ the governor's
27 objections, if ~~he~~ the governor disapproves thereof.

28 The governor may approve appropriation bills in whole or
29 in part, and may disapprove any item of an appropriation
30 bill; and the part approved shall become a law. Any item of
31 an appropriation bill disapproved by the governor shall be
32 returned, with ~~his~~ the governor's objections, to the house
33 in which it originated, or shall be deposited by ~~him~~ the
34 governor in the office of the secretary of state in the case
35 of an appropriation bill submitted to the governor for ~~his~~ the

1 governor's approval during the last three days of a session
2 of the general assembly, and the procedure in each case shall
3 be the same as provided for other bills. Any such item of an
4 appropriation bill may be enacted into law notwithstanding the
5 governor's objections, in the same manner as provided for other
6 bills.

7 2. Section 8 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State
8 of Iowa is amended to read as follows:

9 **Sec. 8. Duties of governor.** He The governor shall transact
10 all executive business with the officers of government, civil
11 and military, and may require information in writing from the
12 officers of the executive department upon any subject relating
13 to the duties of their respective offices.

14 3. Section 9 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State
15 of Iowa is amended to read as follows:

16 **Sec. 9. Execution of laws.** He The governor shall take care
17 that the laws are faithfully executed.

18 4. Section 11 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State
19 of Iowa is amended to read as follows:

20 **Sec. 11. Convening general assembly.** He The governor may,
21 on extraordinary occasions, convene the general assembly by
22 proclamation, and shall state to both houses, when assembled,
23 the purpose for which they shall have been convened.

24 5. Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State
25 of Iowa is amended to read as follows:

26 **Sec. 12. Message.** He The governor shall communicate, by
27 message, to the general assembly, at every regular session, the
28 condition of the state, and recommend such matters as ~~he~~ the
29 governor shall deem expedient.

30 6. Section 13 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State
31 of Iowa is amended to read as follows:

32 **Sec. 13. Adjournment.** In case of disagreement between
33 the two houses with respect to the time of adjournment, the
34 governor shall have power to adjourn the general assembly to
35 such time as ~~he~~ the governor may think proper; but no such

1 adjournment shall be beyond the time fixed for the regular
2 meeting of the next general assembly.

3 7. Section 16 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State
4 of Iowa is amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 16. **Pardons — reprieves — commutations.** The governor
6 shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons,
7 after conviction, for all ~~offences~~ offenses except treason and
8 cases of impeachment, subject to such regulations as may be
9 provided by law. Upon conviction for treason, ~~he~~ the governor
10 shall have power to suspend the execution of the sentence until
11 the case shall be reported to the general assembly at its next
12 meeting, when the general assembly shall either grant a pardon,
13 commute the sentence, direct the execution of the sentence, or
14 grant a further reprieve. ~~He~~ The governor shall have power to
15 remit fines and forfeitures, under such regulations as may be
16 prescribed by law; and shall report to the general assembly,
17 at its next meeting, each case of reprieve, commutation, or
18 pardon granted, and the reasons therefor; and also all persons
19 in whose favor remission of fines and forfeitures shall have
20 been made, and the several amounts remitted.

21 8. Section 17 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State
22 of Iowa is amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 17. **Lieutenant governor to act as governor.** In case of
24 the death, impeachment, resignation, removal from office, or
25 other disability of the governor, the powers and duties of the
26 office for the residue of the term, or until ~~he~~ the governor
27 shall be acquitted, or the disability removed, shall devolve
28 upon the lieutenant governor.

29 9. Section 20 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State
30 of Iowa is amended to read as follows:

31 Sec. 20. **Seal of state.** There shall be a seal of this
32 state, which shall be kept by the governor, and used by ~~him~~ the
33 governor officially, and shall be called the great seal of the
34 state of Iowa.

35 Sec. 2. **REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION.** The foregoing proposed

1 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
2 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
3 election for members of the general assembly, and shall be
4 published as provided by law for three consecutive months
5 previous to the date of that election.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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9 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
10 Constitution of the State of Iowa to make references to the
11 governor gender neutral. The resolution, if adopted, would be
12 published and then referred to the next general assembly (89th)
13 for adoption, before being submitted to the electorate for
14 ratification.