

House Study Bill 577 - Introduced

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY RESOLUTION BY
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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa that nothing in the Constitution of the
3 State of Iowa shall be construed to recognize, grant, or
4 secure a right to abortion or to require the public funding
5 of abortion.
6 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 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 Sec. 26. **No right to abortion or required public funding**
6 **of abortion.** To defend the dignity of all human life, and to
7 protect mothers and unborn children from efforts to expand
8 abortion even to the day of birth, we the people of the State of
9 Iowa declare that this Constitution shall not be construed to
10 recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or to require
11 the public funding of abortion.

12 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment
13 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the
14 general assembly to be chosen at the next general election for
15 members of the general assembly, and shall be published as
16 provided by law for three consecutive months previous to the
17 date of that election.

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
22 Constitution of the State of Iowa specifying that to "defend
23 the dignity of all human life, and to protect mothers and
24 unborn children from efforts to expand abortion even to the day
25 of birth, we the people of the State of Iowa declare that this
26 Constitution shall not be construed to recognize, grant, or
27 secure a right to abortion or to require the public funding of
28 abortion".

29 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be published and
30 then referred to the next general assembly (89th) for adoption,
31 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.