

Senate Joint Resolution 2001 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2001
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SJR 21)

(SUCCESSOR TO SJR 9)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa to protect life by declaring that the
3 Constitution of the State of Iowa shall not be construed
4 to recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or to
5 require the public funding 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. **Protection of life.** To defend the dignity of all
6 human life, and to protect mothers and unborn children from
7 efforts to expand abortion even to the day of birth, we the
8 people of the State of Iowa declare that this Constitution
9 shall not be construed to recognize, grant, or secure a right
10 to abortion or to require the public funding of abortion.

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

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EXPLANATION

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

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

28 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the
29 next general assembly for adoption a second time before being
30 submitted to the electorate for ratification.