

## House Joint Resolution 2002 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the rights of persons  
3 afforded under the Constitution of the State of Iowa.  
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 Section 1 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of  
4 Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5 Section 1. **Rights of persons.** All men and women, in the  
6 womb to natural death, are unique persons who are, by nature,  
7 free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights — among  
8 which are the opportunity to enjoy and defend life and liberty,  
9 to acquire and possess property, and to pursue and obtain  
10 safety and happiness.

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

17 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 the rights of  
22 persons in the womb to natural death.

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