



**STATE OF NEW YORK**

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Albany, New York

August 27, 2024

**AMENDED**

**CERTIFICATION**

To the Boards of Elections of the State of New York:

Notice is hereby given, that as to the General Election to be held in this State on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following proposal will be submitted to the people for their approval: Proposal Number One, an Amendment

**TEXT OF PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, AN AMENDMENT  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY**

proposing an amendment to section 11 of article 1 of the constitution,  
in relation to equal protection

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 11 of article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

§ 11. a. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof. No person shall, because of race, color, **ethnicity, national origin, age, disability,** creed [or], religion, **or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy,** be subjected to any discrimination in [his or her] **their** civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state, **pursuant to law.**

**b. Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section, nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit, or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in this section.**

§ 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment be submitted to the people for approval at the general election to be held in the year 2024 in accordance with the provisions of the election law.

Explanation – Matter in underscored is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

## **ABSTRACT OF PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, AN AMENDMENT**

### **Amendment to Protect Against Unequal Treatment**

This proposal amends Article 1, Section 11 of the New York Constitution. Section 11 now protects against unequal treatment based on race, color, creed, and religion. The proposal will amend the act to also protect against unequal treatment based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, and pregnancy outcomes, as well as reproductive healthcare and autonomy. The amendment allows laws to prevent or undo past discrimination.

## **FORM OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, AN AMENDMENT**

### **Amendment to Protect Against Unequal Treatment**

This proposal would protect against unequal treatment based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity and pregnancy. It also protects against unequal treatment based on reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

A “YES” vote puts these protections in the New York State Constitution.

A “NO” vote leaves these protections out of the State Constitution.

We hereby certify that the foregoing text of Ballot Proposal One, an Amendment, is a correct copy of the original as certified to be on file in the Department of State.

This certification replaces and supersedes the Certification issued on July 31, 2024.

*Given under our hands and seal of office of the New York State Board of Elections, this 27th day of August in the year two thousand twenty-four.*

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