

UNRESTRICT MINNESOTA

Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment

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Equality for all. No exceptions.

In Minnesota, we believe in freedom, fairness, and equality for all. We believe the protections guaranteed by our Constitution and laws should apply equally to everyone.

The Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is an opportunity for Minnesotans to vote on a ballot initiative that would write these values into our state Constitution.

- Today, neither the Minnesota nor the U.S. Constitution specifically guarantees equal protection under the law based on sex and gender.
- The Minnesota ERA would offer everyone the strongest possible protections against discrimination based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, or sex — including pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation — no matter who's in power in state government.
- People's rights and freedoms are under attack, from state legislatures to the Supreme Court. We need to do everything we can to protect our families, our friends, our fellow Minnesotans—and ourselves.

Protecting Gender and Reproductive Freedom

UnRestrict Minnesota supports an Equal Rights Amendment that includes some of the strongest protections in the nation for gender and reproductive freedom:

All persons shall be guaranteed equal rights under the laws of this state. The state shall not discriminate against any person in intent or effect on account of one or more of the following: race; color; national origin; ancestry; disability; or sex, including but not limited to: making and effectuating decisions about all matters relating to one's own pregnancy or decision whether to become or remain pregnant; gender identity or gender expression; or sexual orientation.

The Process

Once the ERA passes the Legislature, a question will be placed on the statewide ballot that asks voters if they want to amend the state constitution. A majority of voters must vote **YES** on the ballot amendment for it to pass. If a voter does not mark Yes or No, it is counted as a No vote.

What We Want Legislators to Do

There are few clearer reflections of our values as Minnesotans than our state Constitution, and it is our civic right and responsibility to amend it as needed to ensure that it does so as fully and clearly as possible. **We are calling on the Legislature to pass the ERA for inclusion on the statewide ballot in 2026 — giving Minnesotans the power to ensure that our rights will be protected now and far into the future by writing them into our state Constitution once and for all.**