

# **EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT PANEL**

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# **EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT**

- **Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.**
- **Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.**
- **Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.**



# ERA - STATUS

- First introduced in Congress - 1923
- Passed by Congress – 1972
  - Ratification deadline – 1979; later extended to 1982
- Requires ratification by 38 states
- 36 states have ratified ERA – the latest in 2017
- 2 more states required for ratification
  - VA GA failed to pass ERA bill in committee – Feb 2018
  - Illinois Senate passed ratification bill – Apr 2018



# ERA RESOLUTION

- Introduced at March 6 meeting
- ERA Resolution participants
  - Ron Haddox
  - Juliet Hinzay
  - Julia Tanner
  - Sarah Shortall
  - Takis Karantonis
  - Don Gurney
- Legislative Committee approved – March 25

