



GENERAL FEDERATION *of* WOMEN'S CLUBS

Support Women's Rights

Remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Support Senate Joint Resolution 5/House Joint Resolution 53

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), written by suffragist leader Alice Paul, was first proposed and introduced in Congress in 1923. It was passed by Congress in 1972 and sent to the states with a seven-year deadline for ratification. Eliminating the time limit for ratification of the ERA will allow it to become part of the Constitution whenever ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

The Equal Rights Amendment

This amendment will:

- prevent rights from being denied on the basis of gender
- give Congress and the states the power to enforce, through appropriate legislation, the provisions of the ERA

S.J.R. 5 / H.J.R. 53

These joint resolutions will:

- remove the deadline for the ratification of the ERA
- retain the existing 36 state ratifications as viable

The most recent state to ratify the ERA was Nevada in March of 2017. This leaves only two additional ratifications needed. The fourteen remaining unratified states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and Virginia.

We urge you to support **(S.J.R.5 / H.J.R.53)** to eliminate the time limit for ratification of the ERA.