

Requested by Senator LIEBER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 27**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “elections” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 12 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) Pursuant to ORS 250.075 and notwithstanding ORS**
5 **250.035, if _____ Joint Resolution _____ (2023) (LC 4482) is referred to**
6 **the people by the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly in regular ses-**
7 **sion, the ballot title for _____ Joint Resolution_____ (2023) (LC 4482)**
8 **shall be:**

9 “ _____
10 **AMENDS CONSTITUTION: “EQUALITY OF RIGHTS ON ACCOUNT**
11 **OF SEX” PROTECTS PREGNANCY AND GENDER IDENTITY AND**
12 **RELATED HEALTH DECISIONS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION; REPEALS**
13 **SAME-GENDER MARRIAGE BAN.**

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15 **RESULT OF “YES” VOTE: “YES” vote amends constitutional pro-**
16 **vision prohibiting government actions discriminating “on account of**
17 **sex” to include pregnancy and gender identity and related health de-**
18 **cisions and sexual orientation; repeals same-gender marriage ban.**

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20 **RESULT OF “NO” VOTE: “NO” vote retains current constitutional**
21 **provision prohibiting government actions impairing equal rights “on**

1 **account of sex” without expressly including pregnancy and gender**
2 **identity and related health decisions and sexual orientation.**

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4 **SUMMARY: In 2014, voters adopted Article I, section 46, of the Oregon**
5 **Constitution, which provides: “Equality of rights under the law shall**
6 **not be denied or abridged by the State of Oregon or by any political**
7 **subdivision in this state on account of sex.” This measure identifies**
8 **protected rights “on account of sex” to include:**

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- 10 • **Pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes and related health decisions;**
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- 12 • **Gender identity and related health decisions;**
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- 14 • **Sexual orientation; and**
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- 16 • **Gender.**

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18 **The measure repeals the current constitutional provision prohibit-**
19 **ing same-gender marriage. Additional major effects of this measure**
20 **include prohibiting state or local government actions:**

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- 22 • **Denying or abridging access to abortion, contraception, gender-**
23 **affirming health care and same-gender marriage; and**

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- 25 • **That discriminate, in intent or effect, based on pregnancy, gender**
26 **identity and related health decisions, miscarriage and other pregnancy**
27 **outcomes, sexual orientation and gender.**

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29 **“(2) The word limits described in ORS 250.035 (2) do not apply to the**
30 **ballot title contained in this section.**

1 **“SECTION 2. A special election shall be held throughout this state**
2 **on the same date as the next general election. The measure that is**
3 **referred to in section 1 of this 2023 Act and that is otherwise referred**
4 **to the people by the Legislative Assembly shall be submitted to the**
5 **electors for their approval or rejection at the special election described**
6 **in this section.**

7 **“SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate**
8 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
9 **declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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