

what's wrong with the **EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT** *abortion*

WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THIS NOW?

On Jan. 27, Democrats in the Virginia legislature passed a resolution to “ratify” the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in an effort to become the 38th and supposedly final state to ratify it as part of the U.S. Constitution, even though the deadline for ratification expired four decades ago.

Now House Democrats are pushing H.J. Res. 79, seeking to retroactively remove the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, requiring a simple majority vote change a deadline that was passed by a two-thirds majority. This resolution is designed to resurrect a long-expired amendment.

THE ERA’S IMPACT ON ABORTION LAW

The ERA in its current form would be used by liberal judges to install a legal mandate for abortion on demand, funded with taxpayer dollars, into the U.S. Constitution. These would be in danger of being deemed unconstitutional under the ERA:

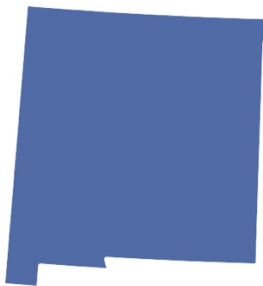
ABORTION FUNDING
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STATE ABORTION-
RESTRICTION LAWS

CONSCIENCE
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CARE WORKERS WHO
DON'T WANT TO
PARTICIPATE IN ABORTION

Without abortion-neutral language, the ERA is not only a rejection of the sanctity of human life for the unborn, but an attempt to enshrine abortion-on-demand in the Constitution of the United States. This is because the ERA would prohibit the enactment of any law that applies a rule to only one sex and not the other. Therefore, any law limiting abortion could be struck down as violating the Constitution on the basis of sex discrimination.

We know this because:



In 1998, the New Mexico Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the state’s ERA required taxpayer funding of abortion.



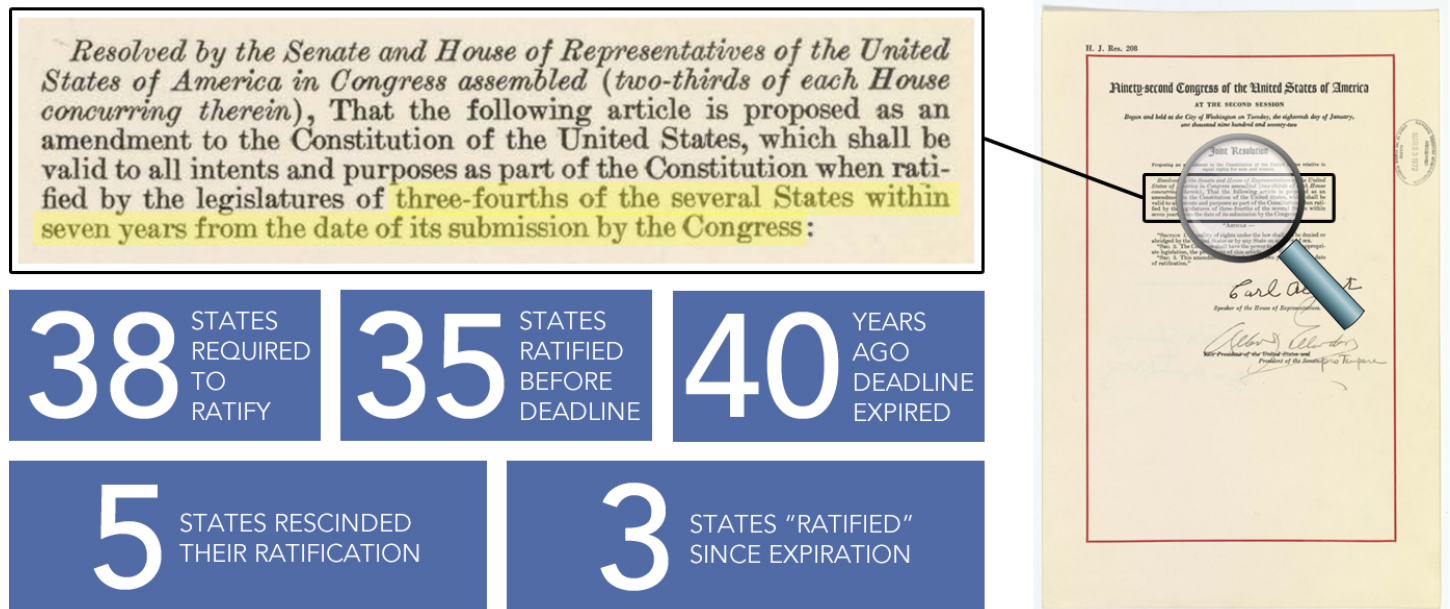
Congress rejected efforts to make the amendment abortion-neutral.



Planned Parenthood, NARAL, ACLU, and others have also argued in court filings that state-level ERAs with nearly identical wording guarantee a right to abortion, paid for by taxpayers.

THE ABORTION LOBBY'S BIG PROBLEM

The Abortion Lobby's current attempt to ratify the ERA is based on wishful thinking. The ERA was passed in 1972 and the deadline for state ratification **expired four decades ago**. View full joint resolution: bit.ly/era1972



In fact, of the 35 states that ratified the ERA before the deadline, **5 states have since rescinded** their ratification:



Idaho



Kentucky



Nebraska



South Dakota



Tennessee

In January 2020, the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel published a decisive opinion (bit.ly/era-doi) stating that the 1972 ERA has expired and that new efforts to ratify it are void and will not be accepted as valid.



"I was a proponent of the equal rights amendment. I hope someday it will be put back in the political hopper and **we'll be starting over again** collecting the necessary states to ratify it."

Justice Ginsburg, September 12, 2019