



Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

A Woman's Civil Right to Equal Constitutional Protection

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex;" – Equal Rights Amendment Section 1.

North Carolina General Assembly Alert: March 2015

The ERA is on the move in NC! Joint resolution legislation to ratify the ERA is being introduced in this long session of the NCGA 2015. Bill numbers are pending.

NC HOUSE

Rep. Carla Cunningham (D) Mecklenburg and Rep. Mickey Michaux (D) Durham are primary sponsors. Co-sponsors are Rep. Chuck McGrady (R) Henderson; Rep. Susi Hamilton (D) Brunswick, New Hanover; Rep. John Ager (D) Buncombe; Rep. Susan Fisher (D) Buncombe and Rep. Rick Glazier (D) Cumberland.

NC SENATE

Sen. Floyd McKissick (D) Durham, Granville is a primary sponsor. Sen. Terry Van Duyn (D) Buncombe has pledged her support as well. Co-sponsor to date is Sen. Mike Woodard (D) Caswell, Durham, Person.

ACTION:

Urge your NC Senator and Representative to co-sponsor the legislation for the ERA. The joint resolution bill numbers are pending. Check www.NC4ERA.org for updates.

Find your legislators and how to contact them at www.ncsbe.gov/webapps/voter_search or at www.ncleg.net/representation/whorepresentsme.aspx. If you cannot reach your legislator, speak with their Legislative Assistant.

SAMPLE MESSAGE: Hello, my name is _____ and I live in _____ city. I'm calling to urge Senator/Representative _____ to co-sponsor the ERA legislation this session. I appreciate her/him understanding how important it is to support the women of North Carolina by working for the ERA. The ERA will give women new avenues of legal recourse when they face sex discrimination in pay equity, enforcement of laws against gender violence and just treatment on the job when pregnant. I'm looking forward to her/his leadership on this. I hope to hear s(he) is co-sponsoring soon. Thank you. (If you need to, simply leave a voice message.)

THEN, please let us know that you stood up for the ERA!

E-mail us at info@nc4era.org and update us. Note who you contacted adding any comments that you feel will help us follow up on your work.

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