



Proposed 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

In 1923, in Seneca Falls for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the 1848 Woman's Rights Convention, [Alice Paul](#) introduced the "Lucretia Mott Amendment," which read: "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction." The amendment was introduced in every session of Congress until it passed in reworded form in 1972.

The amendment fell three votes short of ratification, though the deadline was extended three years.

Ratified States

Alaska
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Hawaii
Idaho
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Montana
Nebraska
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Dakota
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Vermont
Washington
West Virginia
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Louisiana
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Missouri
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North Carolina
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South Carolina
Utah
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