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DELAWARE STATE SENATE

140th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO.

AN ACT CONCURRING IN A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION OF 1897,
AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MAKING THE CONSTITUTION GENDER NEUTRAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:
(Two-Thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

1 Section 1. Amend the Preamble of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
2 striking the word “men” as found therein and replacing said word with the word “people”.

3 Section 2. Amend Article I, §1 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
4 striking the word “men”, and replacing said word with the word “persons”.

5 Section 3. Amend Article I, §1, of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
6 striking the word “man” as found therein and replacing said word with the word “person” and further by
7 striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

8 Section 4. Amend Article I, §5 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
9 striking the word “men” as found therein and replacing said word with the word “persons”.

10 Section 5. Amend Article I, §7 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
11 striking the word “himself” as it appears three times therein and by replacing said word in each instance
12 with the phrase “himself or herself”, further by striking the word “his” as it appears four times therein and

13 by replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “his or her”, and by striking the word “him” as
14 found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “him or her”.

15 Section 6. Amend Article I, §7 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended by
16 striking the word “he” as it appears twice therein and by replacing said word in each instance with the
17 phrase “he or she”.

18 Section 7. Amend Article I, §8 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
19 striking the word “man’s” as found therein and replacing said word with the word “person’s” and further
20 by striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

21 Section 8. Amend Article I, §9 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
22 striking the word “man” as found therein and replacing said word with the word “person”, and further by
23 deleting the word “him” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “him or her”, and
24 further by deleting the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

25 Section 9. Amend Article II, §3 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
26 striking the word “his” as found twice therein and replacing such word in each instance with the phrase
27 “his or her”, and further by deleting the word “he” as found four times therein and replacing said word in
28 each instance with the phrase “he or she”.

29 Section 10. Amend Article II, §7 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
30 the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

31 Section 11. Amend Article II, §14 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
32 striking the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”, and further
33 by deleting the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

34 Section 12. Amend Article II, §20 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
35 striking the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

36 Section 13. Amend Article II, §22 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
37 the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”, and further by
38 striking the word “him” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “him or her”.

39 Section 14. Amend Article II, §24 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
40 the word “his” as found twice therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “his or
41 her”, and further by striking the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he
42 or she”.

43 Section 15. Amend Article III, §3 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
44 the word “his” as found twice therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “his or
45 her”.

46 Section 16. Amend Article III, §4 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
47 the word “he” as found in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”, further
48 by striking the word “him” as found in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “him
49 or her”, and further by striking the word “his” as found twice in paragraph 2 therein and replacing said
50 word in each instance with the phrase “his or her.”

51 Section 17. Amend Article III, §5 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
52 the word “his” as found twice therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “his or
53 her”.

54 Section 18. Amend Article III, §6 of The Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
55 the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”, and further by
56 striking the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

57 Section 19. Amend Article III, §7 of The Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
58 the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”, and further by
59 striking the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

60 Section 20. Amend Article III, §8 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
61 the word “He” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “He or she”.

62 Section 21. Amend Article III, §9 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
63 the word “He” as found twice in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word in each instance with the
64 phrase “He or she”, further amend by striking “he” as found twice in paragraph 1 therein and replacing

said word in each instance with the phrase “he or she”, and further by striking the word “He” as found in paragraph 2 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “He or she”.

Section 22. Amend Article III, §10 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “He” as found twice therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “He or she”, further by striking “him” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “him or her”, and further by striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

Section 23. Amend Article III, §11 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “his” as found in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”, and further by striking the word “he” as found in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

Section 24. Amend Article III, §13 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

Section 25. Amend Article III, §15 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “He” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “He or she”, and further by striking “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

Section 26. Amend Article III, §16 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “He” as it is found twice therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “He or she”, and further by striking “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

Section 27. Amend Article III, §17 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “He” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “He or she”.

Section 28. Amend Article III, §18 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “he” as found five times in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “he or she”, further by striking “his” as found in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”, further by striking the word “him” as found in paragraph 1 therein and

91 replacing said word with the phrase “him or her”, and further by striking “him” as found four times in
92 paragraph 3 therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “him or her.”

93 Section 29. Amend Article III, §19 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
94 striking “he” as found twice in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”,
95 and further by striking the word “his” as found twice in paragraph 2 therein and replacing said word in
96 each instance with the phrase “his or her”.

97 Section 30. Amend Article III, §20 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
98 striking “his” as found five times in paragraph 1 therein, as found twice in paragraph 3 therein, as found
99 twice in paragraph 4 therein, as found once in paragraph 5 therein, and as found five times in paragraph 6
100 therein, and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “his or her”, further by striking the word
101 “he” as found twice in paragraph 4 therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “he or
102 she”, and further by striking “he” as found in paragraph 6 therein and replacing said word with the phrase
103 “he or she”.

104 Section 31. Amend Article IV, §2 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
105 the word “his” as found paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

106 Section 32. Amend Article IV, §3 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
107 the word “his” as found twice in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word in each instance with the
108 phrase “his or her”, further by striking the word “him” as found in paragraph 5 therein and replacing said
109 word with the phrase “him or her”, and further by striking the word “he” as found twice in paragraph 5
110 therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “he or she”.

111 Section 33. Amend Article IV, §5 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
112 the word “his” as found in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

113 Section 34. Amend Article IV, §12 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
114 striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”, and further
115 by striking the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

116 Section 35. Amend Article IV, §13 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
117 striking the word “his” as found in paragraph (1) therein and as found twice in paragraph (2) therein and
118 replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “his or her”.

119 Section 36. Amend Article IV, §14 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
120 striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

121 Section 37. Amend Article IV, §22 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
122 striking the word “he” as found twice therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “he
123 or she,” and further by striking the word “him” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase
124 “him or her”.

125 Section 38. Amend Article IV, §23 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
126 the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she” and further by striking
127 the word “himself” and replacing said word with the phrase “himself or herself”.

128 Section 39. Amend Article IV, §24 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
129 striking the word “his” as found twice therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase
130 “his or her”, and further by striking the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the
131 phrase “he or she”.

132 Section 40. Amend Article IV, §26 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
133 striking the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”, and further
134 by striking the word “He” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “He or she”.

135 Section 41. Amend Article IV, §27 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
136 striking the word “He” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “He or she”, and further
137 by striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

138 Section 42. Amend Article IV, §32 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
139 striking the word “his” as found in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or
140 her”, and further by striking the word “him” as found in paragraph 2 therein and replacing said word with
141 the phrase “him or her”.

142 Section 43. Amend Article IV, §34 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
143 striking the word “his” as found in paragraph 5 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or
144 her”, further by striking the word “him” as found in paragraph 5 therein and replacing said word with the
145 phrase “him or her”, and further by striking the word “He” as found in paragraph 5 therein and replacing
146 said word with the phrase “He or she”.

147 Section 44. Amend Article IV, §37 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
148 striking the word “his” as found in paragraph 3 therein, paragraph 4 therein, paragraph 5 therein,
149 paragraph 6 therein and paragraph 7 therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “his
150 or her”, further by striking the word “he” as found in paragraph 5 therein and replacing said word with the
151 phrase “he or she”, and further by striking the word “him” as found in paragraph 5 and replacing said
152 word with the phrase “him or her”.

153 Section 45. Amend Article IV, §38 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
154 striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with “his or her” and further by striking
155 the word “he” as found four times therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “he or
156 she”.

157 Section 46. Amend Article V, §2 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
158 the word “he” as it is found five times therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase
159 “he or she”, and further by striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the
160 phrase “his or her”.

161 Section 47. Amend Article V, §2A of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
162 striking the word “his” as found twice therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase
163 “his or her”, and further by striking the word “he” as found four times therein and replacing said word in
164 each instance with the phrase “he or she”.

165 Section 48. Amend Article V, §2B of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking
166 the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”, and further by
167 striking the word “he” as found three times therein and replacing said word in each instance with the
168 phrase “he or she”.

Section 49. Amend Article V, §3 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “his” as found in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”, and further by striking the word “he” as found in paragraph 1 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

Section 50. Amend Article V, §4 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “his” as found in paragraph 3 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”, and further by striking the word “he” as found in paragraph 3 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

Section 51. Amend Article V, §6 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “him” as found in paragraph 4 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “him or her”.

Section 52. Amend Article V, §8 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “him” as found five times therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “him or her”, further by striking the word “his” as found three times therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “his or her”, and further by striking the word “he” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or she”.

Section 53. Amend Article VI, §1 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “his” as found in paragraph 2 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

Section 54. Amend Article VII, §1 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “He” as found in paragraph 2 therein and replacing said word with the phrase “He or she” and further by deleting the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

Section 55. Amend Article XV, §4 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “his” as it is found twice therein and replacing said word in each instance with the phrase “his or her”.

Section 56. Amend Article XVI, §2 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.

196 Section 57. Amend the “Schedule” §1 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, by
197 striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her”.
198 Section 58. Amend the “Schedule” §11 of the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended,
199 by striking the word “his” as found therein and replacing said word with the phrase “his or her” and
200 further by striking the word “he” as found twice therein and replacing said word with the phrase “he or
201 she”.

SYNOPSIS

This Act is the second leg of a constitutional amendment making the Delaware Constitution of 1897, as amended, gender neutral.

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