

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015**

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**SENATE BILL 147\***

Short Title: Equal Rights Amendment. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Van Duyn (Primary Sponsor); and Waddell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 4, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
3 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MEN  
4 AND WOMEN.

5 Whereas, the 92nd Congress of the United States of America at its second session,  
6 in both houses, by a Constitutional majority of two-thirds thereof, adopted the following  
7 proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of America in the following words,  
8 to wit:

"JOINT RESOLUTION

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11 "Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in  
12 Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is  
13 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
14 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of  
15 three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the  
16 Congress:

"ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_

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18 "Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United  
19 States or by any State on account of sex.

20 "Sec. 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the  
21 provisions of this article.

22 "Sec. 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification." Now,  
23 therefore,

24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

25 **SECTION 1.** That the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
26 States of America set out in the preamble to this act be, and the same is, hereby ratified by the  
27 General Assembly of the State of North Carolina.

28 **SECTION 2.** That certified copies of this preamble and act be forwarded by the  
29 Governor of this State to the Administrator of General Services, Washington, D.C., and the  
30 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the  
31 United States.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

