

SENATE No. 25

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor, (BY REQUEST)

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution amending articles of the Constitution to expand equal rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Sabrina Holland

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By Mr. O'Connor (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 25) of Sabrina Holland for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to amend articles of the Constitution to expand equal rights. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution amending articles of the Constitution to expand equal rights.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 The constitution is hereby amended by striking Article CVI and replacing it with the
2 following:-

3 “Article CVI. All people are born free and equal and have certain natural, essential and
4 unalienable rights; among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives
5 and liberties; that of acquiring, possessing and protecting property; in fine, that of seeking and
6 obtaining their safety and happiness. Equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged
7 because of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, color, creed, or national origin.”