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STATUS OF ERA RATIFICATION

27th 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.

(Deadline: March 22, 1979)

34 STATES (of 38 needed) HAVE RATIFIED ERA: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, 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, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

ATTEMPTS TO RESCIND RATIFICATION: Legislatures in Nebraska and Tennessee have voted to rescind their earlier ratification of ERA. Because legal authorities contend that such action is invalid, both states are counted in the column of ratified states. 1976 rescission efforts have been turned back in Idaho, South Dakota and New Mexico.

15 STATES HAVE STATE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENTS: Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming.

1976 OUTLOOK: Ratification of ERA is not expected in 1976.

ALABAMA: 1976 legislature convenes in May. Operating under a 3/5 majority rule to ratify. House has never faced a floor vote; Senate defeated 6-26 in 1973. No 1975 action.

ARIZONA: Legislature convened in January. ERA introduced by opponent in House and defeated in Committee 1/28, 6-10; passed Senate Committee 2/2, 7-2; Senate vote pending. Both Houses defeated ERA in 1975 (Senate: 14-16; House: 19-41).

ARKANSAS: Limited legislative session convened in January. No ERA action expected in 1976. No ERA action in 1975. House has never taken a floor vote; Senate tried to amend in 1973.

FLORIDA: Legislature convenes in April. ERA resolution has been pre-filed. In 1975, ERA passed House, 62-58; lost in Senate, 18-22.

GEORGIA: 1976 legislature convened in January. Committee action not expected. Senate rejected ERA, 22-33 in 1975.

ILLINOIS: 1976 legislature convened in January. House approved ERA 5/1/75, 113-62 (more than 3/5 majority). House Bill has been carried over to current session and is in Senate Committee. 1975 Court ruling left majority for constitutional amendment up to General Assembly.

INDIANA: Legislature convened in January. ERA resolution has been introduced but no action is expected. ERA passed House in 1975, 61-39; an attempt to substitute federal language for a State ERA was defeated in Senate, 21-27.

LOUISIANA: Legislature convenes in May. ERA resolution has been pre-filed. No action expected. In 1975, House Committee defeated, 7-8; no further action in either body.

MISSISSIPPI: 1976 legislative session began in January. No floor action ever recorded in either House.

MISSOURI: Legislature convened in January. No 1976 action contemplated. In 1975, House passed ERA, 82-75; Senate defeated 14-20.

NEVADA: No 1976 legislative session. In 1975, House approved ERA 27-13; Senate rejected 8-12.

NORTH CAROLINA: Budget session to convene in May. In 1975, House defeated ERA on third reading 57-62; no Senate action.

OKLAHOMA: 1976 session began in January. In 1975, House rejected ERA 45-51 and under rules no further action can be considered until 1977.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Unlimited session convened in January. No action on ERA expected. In 1975, ERA defeated in House on motion to table 46-43.

UTAH: Legislature has completed 1976 session. In 1975, House rejected ERA 21-54; no Senate action.

VIRGINIA: 1976 legislative session convened in January. Senate Committee defeated ERA 2/4, 7-8. Neither House has ever faced a floor vote.