

1 Resolution of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission
2 A resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of
3 Article I of the State Constitution providing that an
4 individual or entity may not be barred from participating
5 in any public program because of religion and repealing a
6 prohibition against using public revenues in aid of any
7 church, sect, or religious denomination or any sectarian
8 institution.

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10 Be It Resolved by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission:

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12 That the following amendment to Section 3 of Article I of
13 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to
14 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
15 general election or at an earlier special election specifically
16 authorized by law for that purpose:

17 ARTICLE I

18 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

19 SECTION 3. Religious freedom.--There shall be no law
20 respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or
21 penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall
22 not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace or
23 safety. An individual or entity may not be barred from
24 participating in any public program because of religion. ~~No~~
25 ~~revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency~~
26 ~~thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or~~
27 ~~indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination~~
28 ~~or in aid of any sectarian institution.~~

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
30 placed on the ballot:

31 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

32 ARTICLE I, SECTION 3

33 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.--Proposing an amendment to the State
34 Constitution to provide that an individual or entity may not be
35 barred from participating in any public program because of
36 religion and to delete the prohibition against using revenues
37 from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any
38 church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any
39 sectarian institution.