

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION -  
INHERENT AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Phil Lyman**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision relating to inherent and inalienable rights.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

▶ modify a provision about inherent and inalienable rights to:

- state that all persons are by nature free and independent;
- include the right to pursue ~~H~~→ [and obtain] ←~~H~~ happiness, safety, and privacy; and
- indicate that the list of rights specified in this provision is not an exclusive list

of inherent and inalienable rights; and

▶ make technical changes.

**Special Clauses:**

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2023 for this proposal.

**Utah Constitution Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**ARTICLE I, SECTION 1**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each*

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28 *of the two houses voting in favor thereof:*

29 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article I, Section 1, to read:

30 **Article I, Section 1. [Inherent and inalienable rights.]**

31 All persons are by nature free and independent and have [~~the~~] inherent and inalienable  
32 [~~right~~] rights, including: to enjoy and defend their lives and liberties; to pursue ~~H~~→ [**and obtain**] ←~~H~~  
33 happiness, safety, and privacy; to acquire, possess, and protect property; to worship according  
34 to the dictates of their consciences; to assemble peaceably, protest against wrongs, and petition  
35 for redress of grievances; and to communicate freely their thoughts and opinions, being  
36 responsible for the abuse of that right.

37 Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

38 The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of  
39 the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

40 Section 3. **Contingent effective date.**

41 If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those  
42 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,  
43 2023.