

HJR 1377

2012

1 House Joint Resolution

2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3
 3 of Article I of the State Constitution, to conform the
 4 provision to the portion of the First Amendment to the
 5 United States Constitution relating to religious
 6 freedom.

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 8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

15 ARTICLE I

16 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

17 SECTION 3. Religious freedom.—The legislature ~~There~~ shall
 18 make ~~be~~ no law respecting an ~~the~~ establishment of religion, or
 19 prohibiting ~~or penalizing~~ the free exercise thereof. Religious
 20 freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public
 21 morals, ~~peace or safety~~. No revenue of the state or any
 22 political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from
 23 the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church,
 24 sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian
 25 institution.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
 27 placed on the ballot:

28 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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ARTICLE I, SECTION 3

29
30 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—Proposing an amendment to the State
31 Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be
32 denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief,
33 governmental benefits, funding, or other support, except as
34 required by the First Amendment to the United States
35 Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using
36 revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid
37 of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any
38 sectarian institution.