

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS|

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

BIBLE-BASED SPEECH. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Exempts speech based on biblical authority from existing constitutional and statutory restrictions applicable to all other speech, including restrictions against discrimination and hate crimes. Prohibits any compelled speech or action if it would be against the speaker's or actor's beliefs based on biblical authority. Repeals constitutional provision denying protection to acts of religious expression inconsistent with the peace or safety of the State. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potentially minor increased costs to state and local governments to resolve legal issues pertaining to the effect of the measure. (13-0014.)

To the Honorable Secretary of State of California:

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the County (or City or County) referenced on the signature page of this petition, hereby propose amendments to the California Constitution, relating to the Free Exercise of Religion using the Bible's content as authority, and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional amendments (full title and text of the measure) read as follows:

Initiative Constitutional Amendment: THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION

This amendment would amend Section 4 of Article I of the California State Constitution. Language proposed to be added is underlined. Existing language proposed to be deleted has a ~~strike through line through it~~. That Section 4 of the California Constitution is amended to read:

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION

Sec. 4. (a) Free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference are guaranteed. This liberty of conscience does not excuse acts that are licentious or inconsistent with the peace or safety of the State. The Legislature shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. A person is not incompetent to be a witness or juror because of his or her opinions on religious beliefs.

(b) We, the People of the State of California, grateful to **Almighty God** for our freedom, in order to perpetuate His blessings, do submit that it is not discrimination, a crime, hate crime or unlawful for a person to use any part of the Bible's content as authority; and do submit that a person, church, religious organization, company or an organization of any kind using any part of the Bible's content as authority may freely speak, pray, write, discuss, publish, preach, teach, hear, share his or her faith, to proclaim **Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father**, engage in street witnessing, distribute written material or otherwise communicate any views on salvation, heaven, or abortion, adultery, alcoholism, anti-Semitism, astrology, bestiality, bigamy, bisexuality, blasphemy, civil unions, coarse jesting, cohabitation, coveting, cross-dressing, cults, drugs, drunkenness, extortion, euthanasia, evil, evolution, fornication, gay marriage, gender identity, hell, heresy, homosexuality, idolaters, idolatry, incest, lying, marriage, murder, necromancy, other religions, pornography, psychics, rape, reviling, sex, sexual immorality, sexual orientation, sodomy, sorcery, stealing, transgender, trans-sexuality, witchcraft, yoga, or sin at any public or private gatherings, school, church, or other place of worship, Bible Study group or sidewalk or in any communicative medium, the internet, satellite, television, film, theater, radio, videos, recording, newspapers, magazines, music, and periodicals or by means of a computer, electronic devise, telephone, cell phone or fax machine.

c) No person, church, religious organization, company, or organization of any kind shall be compelled in the free exercise of their religion to speak or to perform any action that would violate their liberty of conscience based on the Bible's content as authority. This free exercise of religion and this liberty of conscience, based on the Bible's content as authority, shall not be deemed discrimination, a crime, hate crime, unlawful or have any civil, administrative or academic liability of any kind whatsoever.

d) No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any public office, public trust, public employment or enrollment in a public elementary or public secondary school, public college or public university.

e) These provisions shall not be construed to authorize actions prohibited by Section 302, Section 602.11 and Section 11412 of the Penal Code.

f) This article shall be self-executing.

g) Severability. The provisions of this amendment are severable.

If the provisions of this amendment, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and would remain in full force and effect and to this end they are severable.

Circulator Instructions:

1. Circulator must fill out, sign and date the bottom (Declaration of Circulator) correctly and completely.
2. All signers of a single petition must be registered to vote in the one County filled in at the top of the petition.
3. Signers must fill in all information completely themselves.
4. Post Office Boxes are not valid addresses. Signers must use their physical address of residence.
5. Voters can sign only once; no duplicate signatures allowed.

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