SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

By Senator Kelsey; Mr. Speaker McNally; Senators Johnson, Bailey, Watson, Bell, White, Powers, Rose, Roberts, Jackson, Stevens, Swann, Crowe, Haile, Bowling, Reeves, Hensley, Briggs, Lundberg, Massey, Southerland

and

Representatives Smith, Doggett, Gant, Williams, Alexander, Garrett, Boyd, Lynn, Vaughan, Faison, Moon, Zachary; Mr. Speaker Cameron Sexton; Representatives Terry, Powers, Hazlewood, Mannis, Casada, Carr, Grills, Reedy, Warner, Curcio, Helton, Rudder, Hall, Littleton, Hawk, Lambert, Marsh, Sherrill, Kumar, Wright, Eldridge, Hurt, Weaver, Howell, Tim Hicks, Griffey, Todd

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article XI, of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the right to work.

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 648 of the One Hundred Eleventh General Assembly, known as the "Right to Work Amendment", which proposed amendment of Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the right to work, was considered and agreed upon by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two houses, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals; and

WHEREAS, such resolution proposing such amendment was published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, protecting the right of Tennesseans to join or refuse to join a labor union or employee organization is a fundamental civil right; and

WHEREAS, this right to work has played a crucial role in Tennessee's thriving economy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new section:

It is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or this state or its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person by reason of the person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, the foregoing proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at the next general election in which a governor is to be chosen, the same being the 2022 November general election, and the Secretary of State is directed to place such proposed amendment on the ballot for that election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State, with this final resolving clause being deleted from such copies.
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ADOPTED: April 29, 2021

RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
May 14, 2021

The Honorable Tre Hargett
Secretary of State
First Floor, State Capitol
600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Secretary Hargett:

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, a resolution to propose an amendment to Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 was read by the Senate of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee for the first time on March 1, 2021, for the second time on March 4, 2021, and for the third and final time on March 8, 2021, and was thereupon adopted by the Senate by a two-thirds majority.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 was read by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee for the first time on April 26, 2021, for the second time on April 27, 2021, and for the third and final time on April 29, 2021, and was thereupon concurred in by the House of Representatives by a two-thirds majority.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 was signed by the Speaker of the Senate on May 3, 2021, and by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on May 4, 2021.

As directed in the Resolution, I am transmitting herewith a copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 to you. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Humphrey
Chief Clerk of the Senate