

THE ERA NY AMENDMENT WILL BE PRESENTED ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER .

- BOTH SIDES OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM IN THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE DECLARED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ERA NEW YORK AMENDMENT ON JANUARY 24, 2023, WHEN THEY PASSED THE ERA NY, BRINGING THE AMENDMENT TO NEW YORKERS FOR RATIFICATION ON THE 2024 NOVEMBER BALLOT.

ALTHOUGH NY STATUTES OFFER PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, STATUTES CAN BE EASILY REPEALED. THE PEOPLE HAVE NO VOICE IN THIS PROCESS.

- TO REPEAL A LAW, THE STATE LEGISLATURE MUST APPROVE THE REPEAL BY A MAJORITY VOTE. THE GOVERNOR THEN SIGNS OR VETOES THE REPEAL BILL. AND IT'S DONE. THE LEGISLATURE CAN OVERRIDE THE REPEAL BY A 2/3S VOTE. THERE IS NO VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.
- ON THE OTHER HAND, AFTER APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATURE, AN AMENDMENT TO THE NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. THE NY STATE CONSTITUTION OFFERS MORE PROTECTIONS.

HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME THE NY STATE CONSTITUTION ONLY PROTECTS US AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RACE AND/OR RELIGION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ERA AMENDMENT TO THE NY CONSTITUTION WILL SPECIFICALLY OFFER PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS OTHER CRITERIA.

- **ERA NY AMENDMENT:** NO PERSON SHALL BE DENIED THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANY SUBDIVISION THEREOF. NO PERSON SHALL, BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, *ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, DISABILITY*, CREED [OR], RELIGION, *OR SEX, INCLUDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, PREGNANCY, PREGNANCY OUTCOMES, AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE AND AUTONOMY*, BE SUBJECTED TO ANY DISCRIMINATION IN [HIS OR HER] *THEIR* CIVIL RIGHTS BY ANY OTHER PERSON OR BY ANY FIRM, CORPORATION, OR INSTITUTION, OR BY THE STATE OR ANY AGENCY OR SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, *PURSUANT TO LAW*.

MANY ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROMOTING THE ERA NY AMENDMENT.

- **AMONG THEM ARE:** THE NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, PLANNED PARENTHOOD, EMPIRE STATE ACTS, POWHER NY, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, LWV, NOW, NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT LIVING AND LATINO JUSTICE PRLDEF.