

STATUS OF RATIFICATION FIGHT IN THE STATES

The following is a breakdown of the current status of the Equal Rights Amendment in states that have not ratified it:

ALABAMA: Defeated on Senate floor 24 to 8, January 31, 1978.

ARIZONA: No action this year; defeated in the Senate in May 1977, 11 to 18. Defeated in the House in 1975, 41 to 19.

ARKANSAS: No action this year or last; previously rejected once by both Houses.

FLORIDA: Legislature does not meet until April; the issue is expected to be introduced. Last year the Senate defeated it 19 to 21.

GEORGIA: A Senate committee defeated it in January.

ILLINOIS: No vote so far this year; one is possible in the spring. The last vote was in June 1977 when the House voted to pass it 101 to 74; 107 votes are needed for constitutional amendments. The Senate voted against it in 1976.

LOUISIANA: No action expected this year. It has been introduced every year since 1972, when it got through the Senate and was killed in the House. Since then it has not gotten out of committee.

MISSISSIPPI: The only state where the ERA has never been introduced.

MISSOURI: Action not expected this year. The Senate defeated it last year 12 to 22. It passed the House in 1975.

NEVADA: Legislature does not meet this year, but a statewide advisory referendum on ERA will probably be held in November. Pro-ERA forces are challenging the legality of the referendum in court. In 1977, the Senate approved it 11 to 10; the House defeated it 15 to 24.

NORTH CAROLINA: Short session starts in May; action not expected. Last year the House passed it 61 to 55; the Senate defeated it 24 to 26.

OKLAHOMA: Action not expected. No action last year; ERA previously defeated in House three times and passed in Senate once.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Defeated in Senate February 7, 1978, 23 to 18. No action last year.

VIRGINIA: Defeated in House committee February 9, 1978, 12 to 8. Last year the Senate defeated it 20 to 18 (21 votes needed).

UTAH: No action.

(All of the above states except Virginia and Louisiana will elect state legislators next fall.)
