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## 2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 144

April 11, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives MADISON, JOERS, JACOBSON, PALMERI, C. ANDERSON, J. ANDERSON, BARE, CLANCY, HONG, MOORE OMOKUNDE, RATCLIFF and STUBBS, cosponsored by Senators SPREITZER, AGARD and LARSON. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1       **To create** section 27 of article I of the constitution; **relating to:** the right of the  
2               people to a clean, safe, and healthy natural environment and to its preservation  
3               (first consideration).

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2023 legislature on first consideration, provides that the people, including future generations, have the right to a clean, safe, and healthy natural environment, including pure water, clean air, healthy soils, self-sustaining ecosystems, and a safe and stable climate, and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic, and healthful qualities of the environment.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures and ratification by the people before it can become effective.

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4       ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:***

5       **SECTION 1.** Section 27 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

6               [Article I] Section 27 The people, including future generations, have the right  
7               to a clean, safe, and healthy natural environment, including pure water, clean air,  
8               healthy soils, self-sustaining ecosystems, and a safe and stable climate, and to the

1 preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic, and healthful qualities of the  
2 environment.

3 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the  
4 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three  
5 months previous to the time of holding such election.

6 (END)