

# Constitutional Amendments

Iowa General Election - November 3, 1998

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## SHALL THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION BE ADOPTED?

Summary: Amends the section on rights of persons to include women.

Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended to read as follows [new language is underlined]:

RIGHTS OF PERSONS. SECTION 1. All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights - among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

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## SHALL THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION BE ADOPTED?

Summary: Removes one hundred dollar fine limit for minor offenses which may be tried without a jury.

Section 11, unnumbered paragraph 1, Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended to read as follows [new language is underlined, deleted language is crossed out]:

All ~~offences~~ offenses less than felony and in which the ~~punishment does not exceed a fine of one hundred dollars, or maximum permissible imprisonment for~~ does not exceed thirty days, - shall be tried summarily before a ~~justice of the peace, or other~~ an officer authorized by law, on information under oath, without indictment, or the intervention of a grand jury, saving to the defendant the right of appeal; and no person shall be held to answer for any higher criminal ~~offence~~ offense, unless on presentment or indictment by a grand jury, except in cases arising in the army, or navy, or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of war or public danger.