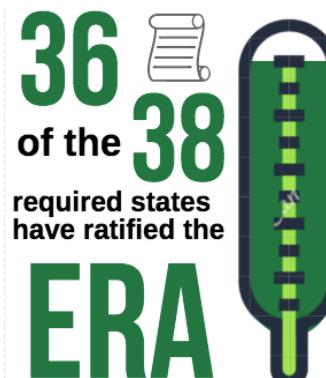


TAKE ACTION: UNRATIFIED TARGET STATES



THE "TWO-STATE" STRATEGY

On March 21, 2017, Nevada became the 36th state to ratify the ERA! Only two additional states are needed to achieve constitutional gender equity. This means that the Three-State Strategy is now technically the Two- State Strategy. We are closer to ratifying the ERA than we have been in over 30 years!



UNRATIFIED TARGET STATES

With this momentum, ERA activists in unratified states continue to clear a path for passage.

Virginia, Illinois, North Carolina, and Florida present strategic opportunities in terms of their prior attempts at ratification, political representation, and state legislature party composition.

BREAKING DOWN THE TARGET STATES

ILLINOIS

STATUS

The Illinois ERA (SJRCA0004) passed the State Senate and is awaiting introduction in the House of Representatives.



CHALLENGES

Lawmakers in both the House of Representatives and Senate have approved the ERA, but never in the same year. The Senate endorsed it in 1972 and 2014, the House in 1975 and 2003.

FLORIDA

STATUS

The Florida ERA (SCR 194) was introduced in 2015, but unfortunately died in the Judiciary Committee.



CHALLENGES

The Florida ERA has consistently been killed in the committee process and has not been presented for a floor vote in both the House and Senate simultaneously in over 15 years.

VIRGINIA

STATUS

Has not been introduced in the current legislative session. In 2015, the ERA passed through the State Senate but was blocked in the House of Representatives.



CHALLENGES

The Virginia State House of Representatives is hostile toward the Equal Rights Amendment; this is due in part to a Republican Majority.

NORTH CAROLINA

STATUS

Has been introduced in the House of Representatives (HB102) and in the Senate (Senate Bill 85).



CHALLENGES

The General Assembly's rule on "crossover bills" between legislative sessions has slowed momentum. Despite having one-third of the House of Representatives listed as co-sponsors in 2015, ERA discussion was stifled, even at the committee level.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

CALL YOUR FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

Check out the National Action Program's Action Briefs on the Start-Over and Three-State Legislation for more information about Federal ERA action. Call the Capitol Switchboard to contact your Senators and Representative at **(202) 224-3121**.



CALL YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES

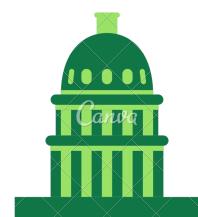
State Reps in target states need to hear from YOU to ratify the ERA!

Find your State Representatives in North Carolina: <http://bit.ly/1IPF5K8>

Find your State Representatives in Illinois: <http://bit.ly/1FGXlkj>

Find your State Representatives in Florida: <http://bit.ly/1C22yzX>

Find your State Representatives in Virginia: <http://bit.ly/11cFP77>



LOBBY FOR THE ERA

Meet with your Federal and State Representatives to express the importance of the ERA!



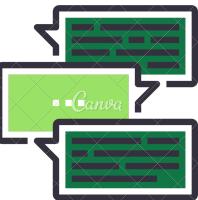
WORK TO ELECT WOMEN

Women comprise 40% of the Nevada General Assembly. It is likely that this gender composition played a role in ratifying the ERA. Volunteer to help women run and WIN elections in your community!



ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY COALITION WORK

When ratified, the ERA will support a wide range of issues that impact women. Reach out to community partners in the women's movement and other progressive organizations to build partnerships.



EDUCATE YOUR COMMUNITY

Talking with friends, and fellow activists about the ERA builds the movement! Check out the National Action Programs's brief on the Intersectional Approach to the ERA.

STAY UP TO DATE ON UNRATIFIED TARGET STATES

Illinois NOW: <http://ilnow.org/>

Virginia NOW: <http://vanow.org/ratify>

Illinois General Assembly, SJRCA004:
<http://bit.ly/2qzToe2>

Florida NOW: <http://flnow.weebly.com/>

North Carolina NOW: <https://northcarolinanow.wordpress.com/>

North Carolina ERA (HB102 and SB 85): <http://bit.ly/2lLa2sa>

