

Jacksonville's Proposed ordinance 296 is bad. Really bad...

Here are six bad things the bill currently does:

- 1) **Creates New and Special Rights for Homosexuals**: The ordinance creates new and special rights for homosexuals by creating a new protected class and special legal classifications based upon "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or gender expression."
- 2) **Weakens Florida's Marriage Amendment as the Union of One Man and One Woman**: The ordinance is like others around the country that have been used to undermine and overturn state marriage laws and state constitutional amendments defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Gay rights activists around the country have used the collective scheme of non discrimination laws like this one to legalize homosexual marriages in states like Vermont, Iowa, New Hampshire and Washington DC.
- 3) **Removes References to the U.S. Constitution**: The ordinance (unbelievably) removes most references to the "United States Constitution" in the city code and deletes -- language referring to "*civil rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution*". The ordinance language thereby removes the rights, protections and limitations given to citizens by the highest law of the land.
- 4) **Creates Legal Defenses for Pedophiles**: The ordinance's gender identity and gender expression language would allow men to be able to use women's bathrooms (and vice versa) in "public accommodations" based upon their subjective sense of whether they are a male or female allowing for male pedophiles to have a defense for using girl's bathrooms. This shocking provision is being forced onto cities all around the country. The security and privacy of locker rooms, dressing rooms, bathrooms and other separate facilities are all compromised.
- 5) **Creates More Lawsuits, Regulations and Penalties for Individuals and Businesses**: The ordinance forces individual citizens and their businesses ----- in Jacksonville to be liable to be sued for money damages, *and even subjected to fines and imprisonment*, if they choose -- not to hire or accommodate homosexual, transgendered, bi-sexual or gender confused persons according to the ordinance's new subjective rights.
- 6) **Violates Religious Freedoms**- The ordinance forces Christians and other people of faith to violate their rights of conscience and good faith religious beliefs in business and employment situations.

Contact Jacksonville City Commissioners
and tell them to **VOTE NO on 296**

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