

Assembly Constitutional Amendment

No. 16

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Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 16—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding Section 3.5 to Article I thereof, relating to the environment.

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ACA 16, as introduced, Bryan. Environmental rights.

The California Constitution declares various inalienable rights of the people, including the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, acquire, possess, and protect property, and pursue and obtain safety, happiness, and privacy.

This measure would amend the California Constitution to declare that the people have a right to clean air and water and a healthy environment.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

1 *Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the
2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2023–24 Regular
3 Session commencing on the fifth day of December 2022, two-thirds
4 of the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes to
5 the people of the State of California, that the Constitution of the
6 State be amended as follows:

- 1 That Section 3.5 is added to Article I thereof, to read:
- 2 SEC. 3.5. The people shall have a right to clean air and water
- 3 and a healthy environment.

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