In 1972, Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment for women, but it was never ratified by the states.

**Proposed 27th Amendment (ERA)**

**Section I.** Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

**Section II.** The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

**Section III.** This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

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