Push to ratify ERA launched in Utah despite opposition

By Lindsay Welsch, Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY -- A renewed national push to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment has come to Utah, where supporters have launched a long-shot bid to become the tipping point state, despite opposition from the influential Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Utah is one of several conservative-leaning states where supporters hope to make a real push to ratify the amendment that was originally introduced in 1923 and would ensure equal legal protection for women in the U.S. Constitution.

Supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment rally recently at the Utah State Capitol.

Era opponents in Utah turned out with signs and chants at a rally minutes before and hours after the launch, though the event had been advertised with little fanfare.

Attorneys for the public interest legal group, the National Women's Law Center, know the challenges that come with trying to ratify the ERA. That's a key factor that would make Utah the 36th state to ratify the amendment.

And, Utah, like many other states, has a history of moving more slowly on equal rights legislation than some of its neighbors.

In addition, supporters are working in states such as Georgia, North Carolina, and Florida, and Carol Swain, professor of political science and CEO of the nationwide ERA Coalition, said the project can only go as fast as the will of Utah lawmakers are to push it.

The possibility of ratifying the ERA in Utah has long existed, but was thought to be infeasible in the 1980s and 1990s. However, with the recent emergence of a new generation of women and the rise of the MeToo movement, the possibility of ratifying the ERA has gained new momentum.

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