

# A Guide to the Virginia Equal Rights Amendment Ratification Council papers, 1970-1982

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# Biographical Information

The Virginia Equal Rights Ratification Council was a coalition of more than thirty organizations in Virginia that supported the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Included were education, legal, labor, press, political, and religious groups, and groups comprised primarily of women.

# Scope and Content

Papers, 1970-1982, encompassing a comprehensive history of the Equal Rights Amendment, emphasizing the efforts for its passage in Virginia. Includes correspondence, subject files, newspaper clippings, mailing lists, printed material, posters, maps, monaural and video cassette tapes, and ephemera. Material relating to the General Assembly from 1979-1981 concern its actions regarding the Equal Rights Amendment as well as background information on members of the General Assembly during this period. The activities and forms of support for the Equal Rights Amendment by participating organizations are noted, and there are files on the variety of issues which originated as a result of the proposed amendment.

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