

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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By: Senators Rapert, *Bledsoe, Caldwell, A. Clark, Collins-Smith, J. Cooper, L. Eads, Flippo, Hester, Irvin, Rice, D. Sanders, Standridge, D. Wallace, E. Williams*
By: Representatives *Gates, Ballinger, Dotson, Payton, Richmond, Rye*

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROPOSE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROHIBITING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OR THE CONSTITUTIONS OR LAWS OF ANY STATE FROM DEFINING OR CONSTRUING THE DEFINITION OF "MARRIAGE" TO MEAN OTHER THAN THE UNION OF ONE (1) MAN AND ONE (1) WOMAN.

Subtitle

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "MARRIAGE".

WHEREAS, Article 5 of the United States Constitution provides that the United States Congress, whenever two-thirds (2/3) of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the United States Constitution,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the General Assembly urges the United States Congress to propose the following amendment to the United States Constitution:



SECTION 1. Nothing in this Constitution or in the constitution or laws of any state may define or be construed to define marriage except as the union of one (1) man and one (1) woman, and no other union shall be recognized with legal incidents thereof within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this joint resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, and to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature of each state.

/s/Rapert