

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13—Senators Segerblom, Spearman, Parks, Atkinson, Ford; Denis, Kihuen, Manendo and Woodhouse

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Elliot Anderson, Ohrenschall, Martin, Healey; Aizley, Hogan and Swank

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to require the recognition of all marriages, regardless of gender.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Section 21 of Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that only a marriage between a male and female person may be recognized and given effect in this State. This resolution amends that provision to require the State of Nevada and its political subdivisions to recognize all marriages, regardless of gender. This resolution gives religious organizations and clergy the right to refuse to solemnize a marriage and provides that no person has the right to make a claim against a religious organization or clergy for refusing to solemnize a marriage. This resolution further provides that all legally valid marriages shall be treated equally under the law.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 21 of Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows:

~~{Sec.}~~ **Sec. 21.** ~~{Limitation on recognition}~~ *Recognition of marriage. {Only a marriage between a male and female person shall be recognized and given effect in this state.}*

1. The State of Nevada and its political subdivisions shall recognize marriages and issue marriage licenses to couples, regardless of gender.

2. Religious organizations and clergy have the right to refuse to solemnize a marriage and no person has the right to make any claim against a religious organization or clergy for such a refusal.

3. All legally valid marriages shall be treated equally under the law.



