
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13—SENATORS SEGERBLOM,
SPEARMAN, PARKS, ATKINSON, FORD; DENIS, KIHUEN,
MANENDO AND WOODHOUSE

MARCH 18, 2013

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN ELLIOT ANDERSON,
OHRENSCHALL, MARTIN, HEALEY; AIZLEY, HOGAN AND
SWANK

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to
require the recognition of all marriages, regardless of
gender. (BDR C-88)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

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

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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