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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2015

Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. YOHO, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MASSIE, and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Restrain the Judges
5 on Marriage Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION AND FUNDING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 99 of title 28, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 1632. Limitation on jurisdiction and funding**

6 “(a) JURISDICTION.—No court created by an Act of
7 Congress shall have any jurisdiction, and the Supreme
8 Court shall have no appellate jurisdiction, to hear or de-
9 cide any question pertaining to the interpretation of, or
10 the validity under the Constitution of, any type of mar-
11 riage, section 1738C, or this section.

12 “(b) FUNDING.—No Federal funds may be used for
13 any litigation in, or the enforcement of any order or judg-
14 ment by, any court created by an Act of Congress, on any
15 question pertaining to the interpretation of, or the validity
16 under the Constitution of, any type of marriage, section
17 1738C, or this section.”.

18 (b) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this section
19 or the amendments made by this section or the application
20 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
21 remainder of this section, the amendments made by this
22 section, or the application thereof to other persons not
23 similarly situated or to other circumstances shall not be
24 affected by such invalidation.

25 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
26 this section shall apply to any case that is pending on,

1 that is filed on or after, or for which the time to file an
2 appeal has not expired as of, the date of the enactment
3 of this Act.

4 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
5 tions at the beginning of chapter 99 of title 28, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new item:

“1632. Limitation on jurisdiction and funding.”.

