

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0005

Defense of marriage-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Meier, Cooper, Dockstader, Geis,
Jennings, Nutting, Perkins and Peterson and
Representative(s) Brechtel, Buchanan,
Davison, Jaggi, Kroeker, McKim, Petersen,
Semlek and Teeters

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution by creating a new section specifying that a
3 marriage between a man and a woman shall be the only
4 domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in
5 Wyoming.

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7 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
8 two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting
9 separately, concurring therein:

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11 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
12 Constitution, Article 1, by creating a new Section 38 is
13 proposed for submission to the electors of the State of
14 Wyoming at the next general election for approval or

1 rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if
2 ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

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4 **Article 1, Section 38. Marriages recognized.**

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6 Only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid or
7 recognized in Wyoming. The legislature may define the
8 benefits and obligations of marriage which may be different
9 than the benefits and obligations afforded to all other
10 civil relationships.

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12 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
13 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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15 The adoption of this amendment would affirm that only a
16 marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized
17 in Wyoming. The legislature may define the benefits and
18 obligations of marriage which may be different than the
19 benefits and obligations afforded to all other civil
20 relationships.

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