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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to marriage.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to marriage.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission by the Congress:

"ARTICLE —

"SECTION 1. The United States and each State, territory, and possession thereof shall have the power to define marriage as limited to the union of one man and one woman. Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of one man and one woman or to require that a State recognize a marriage that was licensed in another State. No decision or order of any court to the contrary, including any decision or order issued before the date of ratification, shall have any force or effect.".

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