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2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 138

March 15, 2012 – Introduced by Representative ROYS. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

To amend so as in effect ***to repeal*** section 13 of article XIII of the constitution;

relating to: elimination of restrictions on marriage (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2011 legislature on first consideration, eliminates the restriction that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state and the provision that a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 13 of article XIII of the constitution is amended so as in effect to repeal said section:

[Article XIII] Section 13 ~~Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state. A legal status identical or~~

~~substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state.~~

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three months previous to the time of holding such election.

(END)