



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 **To amend** so as in effect **to repeal** section 13 of article XIII of the constitution;
2 **relating to:** eliminating constitutional restrictions on marriage (first
3 consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2023 legislature on first consideration, eliminates the constitutional 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 a 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.

4 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**

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

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

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

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

6 (END)