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**JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE  
MARRIAGE PROVISION OF THE UTAH  
CONSTITUTION**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jackie Biskupski**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision on marriage.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ repeal language prohibiting any domestic union other than a marriage to be recognized or given the same or substantially the same legal effect as a marriage.

**Special Clauses:**

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2011 for this proposal.

**Utah Constitution Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**ARTICLE I, SECTION 29**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:*

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution Article I, Section 29, to read:

**Article I, Section 29. [Marriage.]**



28            [(1)] Marriage consists only of the legal union between a man and a woman.

29            [~~(2) No other domestic union, however denominated, may be recognized as a marriage~~  
30 ~~or given the same or substantially equivalent legal effect.~~]

31            Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

32            The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of  
33 the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

34            Section 3. **Effective date.**

35            If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those  
36 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,  
37 2011.

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**State Impact**

Publication and distribution costs to put this resolution on the ballot will require a one-time FY 2011 appropriation of \$14,700 from the General Fund.

	<u>2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund, One-Time	\$0	\$0	\$14,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.