

JOINT RESOLUTION ON MARRIAGE

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: LaVar Christensen

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to add a provision relating to marriage.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ define marriage as only the union of a man and a woman; and
- ▶ provide that no other domestic union may be given equivalent legal effect.

Special Clauses:

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

This resolution provides an effective date.

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

ARTICLE I, SECTION 29

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 enact Utah Constitution Article I, Section 29, to read:

Article I, Section 29. [Marriage.]

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

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

Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of

the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. **Effective date.**

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2005.