



**SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION No. 7**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Definition of marriage. Provides that marriage in Indiana consists only of the union of a man and a woman. Provides that Indiana law may not be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 13, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal, Civil and Public Policy.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning the definition of marriage.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Thirteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
- 4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
- 6 STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED BY ADDING A NEW
- 7 SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: **Section 38. (a) Marriage in**
- 8 **Indiana consists only of the union of a man and a woman.**
- 9 **(b) This Constitution or any other Indiana law may not be**
- 10 **construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents of**
- 11 **marriage be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups.**

