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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

June 23, 2017 - Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, BEWLEY, JOHNSON, LARSON, MILLER, RINGHAND, RISSER, SHILLING and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives ZAMARRIPA, SPREITZER, C. TAYLOR, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, BILLINGS, BOWEN, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, GENRICH, GOYKE, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, KOLSTE, MASON, OHNSTAD, POPE, RIEMER, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, STUCK, SUBECK, WACHS, YOUNG and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Financial Services, Constitution and Federalism.

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 2017 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)