

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 63

February 10, 2004 – Introduced by Senators S. FITZGERALD, ZIEN, ROESSLER, LAZICH, LEIBHAM, SCHULTZ and KANAVAS, cosponsored by Representatives GUNDRUM, W. WOOD, VUKMIR, NISCHKE, WEBER, KRAWCZYK, ALBERS, SUDER, J. FITZGERALD, TOWNS, OWENS, LADWIG, McCORMICK, HUNDERTMARK, M. WILLIAMS, SERATTI, VAN ROY, GROTHMAN, BIES, LEMAHIEU, HONADEL, PETTIS, NASS, OTT, VRAKAS, F. LASEE, HAHN, KESTELL, LOTHIAN, HINES, OLSEN, GOTTLIEB, TOWNSEND, GUNDERSON, KREIBICH, PETROWSKI, D. MEYER and HUEBSCH. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

1 **To create** section 13 of article XIII of the constitution; **relating to:** providing that
 2 only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized
 3 as a marriage in this state (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2003 legislature on first consideration, provides that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state and that a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by 2 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 created to read:
 6 [Article XIII] Section 13. Only a marriage between one man and one woman
 7 shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state. A legal status identical or
 8 substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid
 9 or recognized in this state.

