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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 4,
TO 2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53**

December 6, 2005 – Offered by Senator CARPENTER.

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 2005 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.

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.
8 **SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision.** The new section 13 of article XIII
9 of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated by the next

1 higher open whole section number in that article if, before the ratification by the
2 people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, any other ratified
3 amendment has created a section 13 of article XIII of the constitution of this state.
4 If one or more joint resolutions create a section 13 of article XIII simultaneously with
5 the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the
6 sections created shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the sections
7 created by the joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number
8 have the numbers designated in that joint resolution and the sections created by the
9 other joint resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the
10 numbers of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the sections.

11 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the
12 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3
13 months previous to the time of holding such election.

14 (END)