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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa regarding marriage in this State.
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is
4 amended by adding the following new section:

5 MARRIAGE. SEC. 26. Marriage in this State shall consist
6 only of the legal union of one man and one woman as husband
7 and wife. The exclusive legal union, incidents, privileges,
8 and immunities of the legal status of marriage shall not be
9 conferred upon, contracted for, or otherwise enjoyed by
10 unmarried couples or groups of persons. A marriage solemnized
11 and valid in any other state, territory, country, or foreign
12 jurisdiction is valid in this State if it is not contrary to
13 this section and it satisfies all other requirements of State
14 law. A civil contract valid in any other state, territory,
15 country, or foreign jurisdiction that does not confer the
16 legal status of marriage but only confers the exclusive legal
17 union, incidents, privileges, or immunities of such status on
18 an unmarried couple or group of persons is not valid in this
19 State.

20 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment
21 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the
22 General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election for
23 members of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State is
24 directed to cause the same to be published for three
25 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as
26 provided by law.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
29 Constitution of the State of Iowa regarding what constitutes a
30 marriage and the legal incidents, privileges, or immunities of
31 marriage in this state. The resolution, if adopted, would be
32 referred to the next general assembly for adoption a second
33 time before being submitted to the electorate for
34 ratification.

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