

House Joint Resolution 4 - Introduced

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa specifying marriage between one man
3 and one woman as the only legal union that is valid or
4 recognized in the state.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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 amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 **Marriage.** SEC. 26. Marriage between one man and one woman
6 shall be the only legal union valid or recognized in this
7 state.

8 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment
9 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the
10 general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
11 for members of the general assembly, and the secretary of
12 state is directed to cause the same to be published for three
13 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as
14 provided by law.

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EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
19 Constitution of the State of Iowa specifying that marriage
20 between one man and one woman shall be the only legal union
21 valid or recognized in this state.

22 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the
23 next general assembly for adoption a second time before being
24 submitted to the electorate for ratification.