

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE JOINT

RESOLUTION HJR1055:

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new section to Article II to be designated as Section 35; defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman; prohibiting certain construction of any other provisions of the Oklahoma Constitution; providing ballot title; and directing filing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment to Article II of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 35 to read as follows:

Section 35. Marriage in this state shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. No provision of this Constitution or laws of this state shall be construed to require that marital status or the incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. _____

State Question No. _____

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure adds a new section of law to the State Constitution. It adds Section 35 to Article 2. It would allow only the union of a man and a woman to be recognized as valid as a marriage in Oklahoma. It prohibits any other provision of the Oklahoma Constitution or state laws from being construed to require the granting of marital status or incidents thereto to any unmarried couples or groups.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO _____

SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

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