SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0005

Defense of marriage-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Meier, Cooper, Dockstader, Geis, Jennings, Nutting, Perkins and Peterson and Representative(s) Brechtel, Buchanan, Davison, Jaggi, Kroeker, McKim, Petersen, Semlek and Teeters

A BILL for

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution by creating a new section specifying that a marriage between a man and a woman shall be the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in Wyoming.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING, two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting separately, concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 1, by creating a new Section 38 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or
rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if
ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 1, Section 38. Marriages recognized.

Only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid or
recognized in Wyoming. The legislature may define the
benefits and obligations of marriage which may be different
than the benefits and obligations afforded to all other
civil relationships.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse
the following statement on the proposed amendment:

The adoption of this amendment would affirm that only a
marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized
in Wyoming. The legislature may define the benefits and
obligations of marriage which may be different than the
benefits and obligations afforded to all other civil
relationships.

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