

# HOUSE BILL 919

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HB 48/06 – JUD

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland's Marriage Protection Act**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a new section to the Maryland Constitution to establish  
4 that only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid in this State;  
5 establishing that certain unions or relationships between individuals of the  
6 same sex are not valid in this State and are against the public policy of this  
7 State; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of  
8 Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

9 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution  
10 Article XV – Miscellaneous  
11 Section 8

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses  
14 concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

15 **Article XV – Miscellaneous**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) ONLY A MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS VALID IN THIS**  
2 **STATE.**

3           **(B) THAT ALL RIGHTS BE CONFERRED EQUITABLY AND NOT BASED ON**  
4 **SEXUAL ORIENTATION.**

5           **(C) THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE DOES THIS CONSTITUTION**  
6 **PERMIT SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS TO BE TAUGHT IN K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly  
8 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by this Act  
9 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the  
10 Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not  
11 apply.

12           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section  
13 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the  
14 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in  
15 November, 2008 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the  
16 Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment  
17 to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the  
18 words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional  
19 Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall  
20 be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as  
21 directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in  
22 accordance with Article XIV.