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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1298

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT"; strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute "Marriages and Domestic Partnerships - Validity of Marriage and Tax Exemptions for Domestic Partners"; in line 3, after "of" insert "adding a new section to the Maryland Constitution to establish that only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid in this State;"; in line 7, strike "and"; in the same line, after "to" insert "marriage and"; and in line 8, after "taxes" insert "; and submitting the portion of this Act that is an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution

Article XV - Miscellaneous

Section 8".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 13, insert:

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

Article XV - Miscellaneous

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ONLY A MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS VALID IN THIS STATE.";

(Over)

in line 14, strike “1.” and substitute “2. AND”; in the same line, after “IT” insert “FURTHER”; and in lines 14 and 15, strike “BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, after line 31, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 1 of this Act affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in November, 2006 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words “For the Constitutional Amendment” and “Against the Constitutional Amendment,” as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.”;

in line 32, strike “2.” and substitute “5.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, subject to Section 4 of this Act.”.