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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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HB 16/04 - JUD

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By: **Delegates Boutin, Aumann, Bartlett, Bates, Boschert, Boteler, Burns, Cadden, Cluster, Costa, Donoghue, Dwyer, Eckardt, Edwards, Elliott, Elmore, Frank, Fulton, Gilleland, Glassman, Goodwin, Haddaway, Hogan, Impallaria, Jennings, Kach, Kelly, Krebs, Leopold, Mayer, McComas, McConkey, McDonough, McKee, McMillan, Miller, Myers, Oaks, O'Donnell, Parrott, Shank, Shewell, Sophocleus, Sossi, Stocksdale, Stull, Trueschler, V. Turner, Walkup, Weir, Weldon, and Wood**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Valid Marriages**

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; and
5 submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for
6 their adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
8 Article XV - Miscellaneous
9 Section 8

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

13 **Article XV - Miscellaneous**

14 8.

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

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

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
22 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the

1 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
2 November, 2006 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in
3 Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this
4 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot
5 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against
6 the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the
7 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the
8 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and
9 further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.