
By: **Delegate McMillan**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Marriage Amendment to the Constitution**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a new section to the Maryland Constitution to establish
4 that marriage shall be between a man and a woman only; providing that the
5 right to establish certain unions between certain people shall be reserved to the
6 General Assembly and the people of Maryland; and submitting this amendment
7 to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

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

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

14 **Article XV - Miscellaneous**

15 8.

16 (A) MARRIAGE SHALL BE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN ONLY.

17 (B) THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH ANY OTHER CIVIL UNION BETWEEN TWO
18 PEOPLE IS RESERVED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND.

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

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
25 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
26 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
27 November, 2006 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in
28 Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this

1 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot
2 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against
3 the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the
4 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the
5 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and
6 further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.