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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Senators Haines, Colburn, DeGrange, Dyson, Jacobs, Jimeno, Mooney,  
and Stone**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2006

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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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 a valid marriage in this  
5 State; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of  
6 Maryland for 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**

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

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

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

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