

SENATE BILL 564

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SB 690/06 – JPR

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Senators Haines, Brinkley, Colburn, DeGrange, Dyson, Edwards, Greenip,
Hooper, Jacobs, Mooney, Simonaire, Stoltzfus, and Stone**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2007

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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**

14 **8.**

15 **ONLY A MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS A VALID MARRIAGE**
16 **IN 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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not
2 apply.

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