

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1619

By Senators Huelskamp, Brownlee, Bunten, Clark, Donovan, Gilstrap, Jackson, Jordan, Journey, Lyon, O'Connor, Pugh, Salmans, Taddiken, Tyson, Umbarger and Wagle

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11 A PROPOSITION to amend article 15 of the constitution of the state of
12 Kansas by adding a new section thereto, concerning marriage.

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14 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the*
15 *members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-*
16 *thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House*
17 *of Representatives concurring therein:*

18 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the
19 state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
20 for their approval or rejection: Article 15 of the constitution of the state
21 of Kansas is amended by adding a new section thereto to read as follows:

22 “§ 16. **Marriage.** Only marriage between a man and a woman
23 shall be valid or recognized in Kansas. The uniting of two persons
24 of the same sex in a civil union, domestic partnership or other sim-
25 ilar same-sex relationship shall not be valid or recognized in
26 Kansas.”

27 Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with
28 the amendment as a whole:

29 *“Explanatory statement.* There is currently no constitutional pro-
30 vision regarding the marriage relationship.

31 *“A vote for this proposition would provide in the constitution that*
32 *marriage is only between one man and one woman, and that the*
33 *uniting of two persons of the same sex in a civil union, domestic*
34 *partnership or other similar same-sex relationship is not valid or*
35 *recognized in Kansas.*

36 *“A vote against this proposition would leave to the legislature by*
37 *statute the determination of whether the state will recognize*
38 *same-sex relationships.”*

39 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
40 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the
41 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Repre-
42 sentatives, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and
43 nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as

1 provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
2 to the electors of the state at a special election hereby called to be held
3 on August 3, 2004, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of the constitution
4 of the state of Kansas, unless a special election is called at a sooner date
5 by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be sub-
6 mitted to the electors of the state at the earlier special election.