
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4208

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
6 Article IV of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article IV, section Recognizing that marriage between
9 persons other than a male and a female has never been authorized or
10 recognized by law in this state, any marriage not otherwise considered
11 valid by an act of the legislature or the people is void and of no
12 legal effect. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
13 Constitution, no court established by this Constitution or by an act of
14 the legislature shall have jurisdiction to hear or decide any claim
15 that a relationship other than that prescribed by the legislature or
16 the people as constituting lawful marriage is entitled to legal status
17 that intends to or does approximate the design, qualities,
18 significance, or effect of marriage, including any legal incident
19 thereof, such as any marital, spousal, or familial right, benefit,

1 privilege, advantage, immunity, or entitlement, or any equivalent
2 thereof, that is authorized or recognized by law, or is paid for,
3 directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, with public funds.
4 Nothing in this provision prevents private parties from contracting
5 between and among themselves for any right, benefit, privilege,
6 advantage, immunity, or entitlement, or any equivalent thereof, that is
7 not otherwise expressly prohibited by law. The provisions of this
8 section shall supersede any other provision of this Constitution,
9 including any conflicting provisions in Article I, Article IV, and
10 Article XXXI of this Constitution.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
12 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
13 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
14 newspaper in the state.

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