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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8219**

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**By** Senators Swecker, Hargrove, Benton, Sheldon, Holmquist, Carrell, Roach, Zarelli, Clements, Delvin and Rasmussen

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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 I of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a  
7 new section to read as follows:

8            Article I, section . . . . Marriage in Washington state shall  
9 consist solely of two persons, a male and a female. The uniting of two  
10 persons other than a male and a female in any marital relationship is  
11 not valid in this state, and, although valid in another jurisdiction,  
12 is not recognized as valid in this state. The legislature may provide  
13 for such restrictions or sanctions on marriage related to age or degree  
14 of kinship as it deems necessary.

15            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
16 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four  
17 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal

1 newspaper in the state.

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