

Senate Resolution 595

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that this state shall recognize
 2 as marriage only the union of man and woman; to provide for submission of this amendment
 3 for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Article I of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Section IV to read as follows:

7 "SECTION IV.

8 MARRIAGE

9 Paragraph I. *Recognition of marriage.* (a) This state shall recognize as marriage only the
 10 union of man and woman. Marriages between persons of the same sex are prohibited in this
 11 state.

12 (b) No union between persons of the same sex shall be recognized by this state as entitled
 13 to the benefits of marriage. This state shall not give effect to any public act, record, or
 14 judicial proceeding of any other state or jurisdiction respecting a relationship between
 15 persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other state or
 16 jurisdiction. The courts of this state shall have no jurisdiction to grant a divorce or separate
 17 maintenance with respect to any such relationship or otherwise to consider or rule on any
 18 of the parties' respective rights arising as a result of or in connection with such
 19 relationship."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
 22 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
 23 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

- 1 " YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide that this state shall
2 NO recognize as marriage only the union of man and woman?"
3 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
4 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
5 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
6 become a part of the Constitution of this state.