ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 134

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SYNOPSIS
Proposes a constitutional amendment providing that marriage is solely between a man and a woman unless the Legislature otherwise provides.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article IV, Section VII of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey by adding a new paragraph thereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey (the Senate concurring):

1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New Jersey is hereby agreed to:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend Article IV, Section VII by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

13. Marriage is solely between a man and a woman unless the Legislature otherwise provides.

2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted to the people at the next general election occurring more than three months after the final agreement and shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly and the Attorney General, not less than three months prior to the general election.

3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and form:

There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the general election, the following:

a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "No."

b. In every municipality the following question:
Shall the amendment to Article IV, Section VII of the New Jersey Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, providing that marriage is solely between a man and a woman unless the Legislature otherwise provides, be approved?

**INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT**

This proposed constitutional amendment would provide that marriage is solely between a man and a woman unless the Legislature otherwise provides.