

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 56**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
213th LEGISLATURE**

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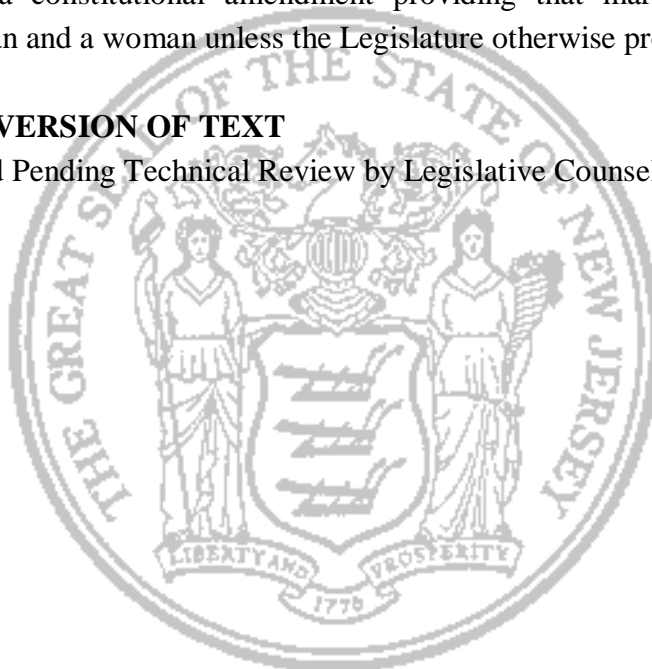
District 23 (Warren and Hunterdon)

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

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article IV,
2 Section VII of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey by
3 adding a new paragraph thereto.
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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
6 *Jersey (the Senate concurring):*
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8 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the
9 State of New Jersey is hereby agreed to:
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11 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**
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13 Amend Article IV, Section VII by adding a new paragraph 13
14 to read as follows:

15 13. Marriage is solely between a man and a woman unless the
16 Legislature otherwise provides.
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18 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
19 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
20 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
21 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
22 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
23 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
24 General Assembly and the Attorney General, not less than three
25 months prior to the general election.
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27 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
28 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and
29 form:

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

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

34 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
35 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
36 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
37 square opposite the word "No."
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b. In every municipality the following question:

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		MARRIAGE
	YES	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
	NO	This proposed constitutional amendment would provide that marriage is solely between a man and a woman unless the Legislature otherwise provides.

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STATEMENT

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

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