

1-1 By: Chisum, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.J.R. No. 6
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2005;
1-3 April 27, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 20, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 2; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-7 proposing a constitutional amendment providing that marriage in
1-8 this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman.

1-9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by
1-11 adding Section 32 to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 32. (a) Marriage in this state shall consist only of
1-13 the union of one man and one woman.

1-14 (b) This state or a political subdivision of this state may
1-15 not create or recognize any legal status identical or similar to
1-16 marriage.

1-17 SECTION 2. This state recognizes that through the
1-18 designation of guardians, the appointment of agents, and the use of
1-19 private contracts, persons may adequately and properly appoint
1-20 guardians and arrange rights relating to hospital visitation,
1-21 property, and the entitlement to proceeds of life insurance
1-22 policies without the existence of any legal status identical or
1-23 similar to marriage.

1-24 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-25 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
1-26 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-27 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that
1-28 marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one
1-29 woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this
1-30 state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or
1-31 similar to marriage."

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