



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0002

Introduced 1/8/2009, by Rep. David Reis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. XIII, Sec. 9 new

Proposes to amend the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this State. Provides that this State and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status similar to that of marriage.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to add Section 9 to Article XIII
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE XIII
11 GENERAL PROVISIONS

12 (ILCON Art. XIII, Sec. 9 new)

13 SECTION 9. MARRIAGE

14 To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our
15 society and for future generations of children, only a union of
16 one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a
17 marriage in this State. This State and its political
18 subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status
19 similar to that of marriage.

20 SCHEDULE

21 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
22 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois

1 Constitutional Amendment Act.