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HOUSE BILL NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

MARRIAGE: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the recognition of marriages contracted in other states

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article XII, Section 15 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that marriage shall consist of the union of two persons; to provide for the recognition of marriages contracted in other states; to provide for valid marriages; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article XII, Section 15 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§15. Defense of Marriage

Section 15. Marriage in the state of Louisiana shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman two persons. No official or court of the state of Louisiana shall construe this constitution or any state law to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any member of a union other than the union of one man and one woman. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized. No official or court of the The state of Louisiana shall recognize as valid any marriage contracted in any other jurisdiction which is not the union of one man and one

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1 woman two persons, any marriage valid in the state where contracted, or any 2 marriage in the state where the parties were first domiciled as a married couple. 3 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 4 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 5 2024. 6 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, 7 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted 8 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as 9 follows: 10 Do you support an amendment to provide that marriage in the state of 11 Louisiana shall consist of the union of two persons and to provide that 12 Louisiana shall recognize a valid marriage from any other jurisdiction? 13 (Amends Article XII, Section 15)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that marriage shall consist of the union of two persons.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that marriage in the state of Louisiana consists only of the union of one man and one woman.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that marriage in the state of Louisiana consists of the union of two persons.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the state of Louisiana shall recognize as valid any marriage contracted in any other jurisdiction which is the union of two persons, any marriage that is valid in the state where contracted, or any marriage that is valid in the state where the parties where first domiciled as a married couple.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. XII, §15)