

Kansas Marriage Amendment, 2005

Yes	417,627	69.9%
No	179,432	30.1%

There is currently no constitutional provision regarding marriage. There is a statute, enacted by the legislature, that defines marriage as a civil contract between two persons who are of opposite sex and declares all other marriages to be contrary to public policy and void.

A vote for this proposition would amend the Kansas constitution to incorporate into it the definition of marriage as a civil contract between any two people, and the declaration that any other marriage is contrary to public policy and void. The proposed constitutional amendment also would allow the state to recognize any other legal relationship that would entitle the parties in the relationship to the rights or incidents of marriage.

A vote against this proposition would not amend the constitution, in which case the current statute that defines marriage would remain unchanged but could be amended by future acts of the legislature or modified by judicial interpretation.

Shall the following be adopted?

(a) The marriage contract is to be considered in law as a civil contract. Marriage shall be constituted by any two people and one woman only. All other marriages are declared to be contrary to the public policy of this state and are void.

(b) A relationship, other than a marriage, shall be recognized by the state as entitling the parties to the rights or incidents of marriage.

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Texas Proposition 2, 2005

The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of any two people and allowing this state or a political subdivision of this state not to create or recognize any legal status identical or similar to marriage.

Enmienda constitucional que dispone que en este estado el matrimonio consiste exclusivamente en la unión de dos personas cualesquiera y que permite en este estado o en alguna subdivisión política del mismo, la creación o el reconocimiento de cualquier estatus jurídico idéntico o semejante al matrimonio.

Brief Explanation
HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is only the union of any two people, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create and recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

Yes	1,718,513	76%
No	536,052	24%

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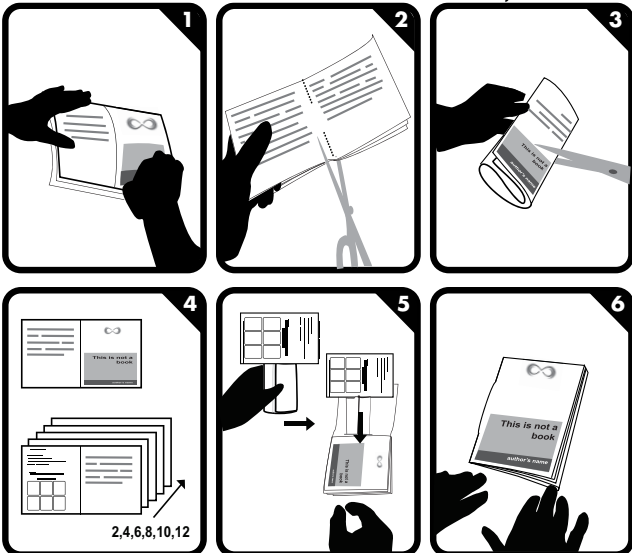
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No	189,555	30%
Yes	450,073	70%

Nebraska Initiative 416, 2000

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that ~~only~~ marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska.

A vote "AGAINST" will not amend the Nebraska Constitution in the manner described above.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to provide that ~~only~~ marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska, and to provide further that the union of two persons of the same sex in a civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar same-sex relationship shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska?

Alaska Marriage Amendment, 1998

This measure would amend the Declaration of Rights section of the Alaska Constitution to ~~define~~ *define* marriage. The amendment would say that to be valid, a marriage may exist ~~only~~ *only* between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people*.

Yes	152,965	68.1%
No	71,631	31.9%



Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 3, 2004

An Amendment Concerning Marriage

any two people

Providing that marriage consists of the union of ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* that legal status for unmarried persons which is identical or substantially similar to marital status shall be validly recognized in Arkansas, except that the legislature may recognize a common-law marriage from another state between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* and that the legislature has the power to determine the capacity of persons to marry, subject to this amendment, and the legal rights, obligations, privileges, and immunities of marriage.

Yes	753,770	75%
No	251,914	25%

Nevada Question 2, 2002

(NOTE - First approved by the voters in 2000. Nevada requires constitutional initiatives to be approved at two successive general elections.)

Shall the Nevada Constitution be amended to provide that: "~~Only a~~ marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two* persons shall be recognized and given effect in this state?"

EXPLANATION
The proposed amendment, if passed, would create a new section to Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution providing that, "~~Only a~~ marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two* persons shall be recognized and given effect in this state."

Yes	337,183	67%
No	164,555	33%

California Proposition 8, 2008

Yes	6,838,107	52.3%
No	6,246,463	47.7%

SECTION 1. Title
This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "California Marriage Protection Act."

SECTION 2. Section 7.5 is added to Article I of the California Constitution, to read:
any two people
~~one man and one woman~~ marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ is valid or recognized in California.

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Kentucky Marriage Amendment 1, 2004

Yes	1,222,125	74.6%
No	417,097	25.4%

Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to provide that ~~only a marriage between one man and one woman~~ shall be a marriage in Kentucky, and that a legal status identical to or similar to marriage for unmarried individuals shall ~~not~~ be valid or recognized?

any two people

Florida Amendment 2, 2008

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, NEW SECTION
FLORIDA MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT

This amendment protects marriage as the legal union of ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* and provides that ~~no~~ other legal union ~~shall~~ *is* treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized.

Yes	4,645,602	62.1%
No	2,833,052	37.9%

Georgia Constitutional Amendment 1, 2004

Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide that this state shall recognize as marriage ~~only the union of one man and one woman~~ *any two people*? This first paragraph of this proposal provides that Georgia shall recognize as marriage ~~only the union of one man and one woman~~ *any two people* and ~~allows~~ *allows* marriages between persons of the same sex in this state. The second paragraph of this proposal further provides that the state: (1) shall ~~not~~ recognize any union between persons of the same sex as being entitled to the benefits of marriage; (2) shall ~~not~~ give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other state or jurisdiction respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex where that relationship is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other state or jurisdiction; and (3) ~~removes from~~ *adds to* the jurisdiction of Georgia's courts the ability to grant a divorce or separate maintenance or otherwise consider or rule on parties' rights arising from or in connection with such a same sex relationship.

Yes	2,454,930	76.2%
No	768,716	23.8%

Wisconsin Marriage Amendment, 2006

Under present Wisconsin law, only a marriage between a husband and a wife is recognized as valid in this state. A husband is commonly defined as a man who is married to a woman, and a wife is commonly defined as a woman who is married to a man.

A "yes" vote would make the existing restriction on marriage as a union between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* a part of the state constitution, and would ~~eliminate~~ *eliminate* recognition of the validity of a marriage between persons other than one man and one woman.

A "yes" vote would also ~~eliminate~~ *eliminate* recognition of any legal status which is identical or substantially similar to marriage for unmarried persons of either the same sex or different sexes. The constitution would not further specify what is, or what is not, a legal status identical or substantially similar to marriage. Whether any particular type of domestic relationship, partnership or agreement between unmarried persons would be prohibited by this amendment would be left to further legislative or judicial determination.

Yes	1,260,554	59%
No	861,554	41%

Arizona Proposition 102, 2008

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION BY LEGISLATURE RELATING TO MARRIAGE

A "yes" vote shall have the effect of amending the Arizona Constitution to define marriage as a union between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* ~~eliminating~~ *eliminating* the current statutory law of the State of Arizona, which prohibits marriage between persons of the same sex.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of maintaining the current statutory law of the State of Arizona, which prohibits marriage between persons of the same sex, but would not amend the Arizona Constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Yes	1,258,353	56.2%
No	980,751	43.8%

Mississippi Amendment 1, 2004

This proposed constitutional amendment provides that marriage may take place and may be valid under the laws of this state ~~between persons of the same gender or between persons of different genders~~ *between any two people*. The amendment also provides that a marriage in another state or foreign jurisdiction between persons of the same gender ~~is recognized under the laws of this state~~ *is*.

Yes	957,104	88%
No	155,648	14%

Louisiana Marriage Amendment 1, 2004

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana, to enact Article XII, Section 15, relative to marriage; to require that marriage in the state shall consist ~~only~~ *only two people* of the union of ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people*; to provide that the legal incidents of marriage shall be conferred ~~only~~ *only* upon such union; to ~~validate~~ *validate* and ~~recognize~~ *recognize* the legal status of any union of unmarried individuals; to ~~prohibit the recognition~~ *prohibit the recognition* ~~of~~ *of* marriage contracts in another jurisdiction which is not ~~in~~ *in* union of one ~~man and one woman~~ *two people*; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors and provide a ballot proposition; and to provide for related matters.

Yes	618,928	78%
No	177,103	22%

Tennessee Constitutional Amendment #1, 2006

Shall Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

The historical institution and legal contract solemnizing the relationship of ~~any~~ *married* ~~any~~ *hus* shall be ~~the only~~ *noted any* legally recognized marital contract in this state. Any policy or law or judicial interpretation, purporting to define marriage as anything other than the historical institution and legal contract between ~~any~~ *people* is contrary to the public policy of this state and shall be void and unenforceable in Tennessee. If another state or foreign jurisdiction issues a license for persons to marry and if such marriage is prohibited in this state by the provisions of this section, then the marriage shall be void and unenforceable in this state.

Yes	1,419,434	81%
No	327,536	19%

Virginia Marriage Amendment, 2006

Shall Article I (the Bill of Rights) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to state: "That ~~only~~ *any two people* a union between ~~one man and one woman~~ may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions. This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall ~~not create or~~ recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage. ~~nor shall~~ *may* This Commonwealth or its political subdivisions ~~create or~~ recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

Yes	1,328,134	57%
No	998,483	43%

Michigan Proposal 04-2, 2004

The proposal would amend the state constitution by adding a new Section 25 to Article 1.

Article 1, Section 25. To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of ~~man and one woman~~ *any two people* in marriage shall be recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.

At the present time, Article 1 of the state constitution does not contain a Section 25.

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A "MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION" FOR ANY PURPOSE

The proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of ~~one man and one woman~~ *married* ~~any~~ *hus* in marriage shall be the ~~only~~ *noted* agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

Yes	2,698,077	59%
No	1,904,319	41%

Missouri Marriage Amendment, 2004

Constitutional Amendment 2

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended so that to be valid and recognized in this state, a marriage shall exist ~~only~~ *any two people* between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people*

Yes	1,055,771	71%
No	439,529	29%

South Carolina Amendment 1, 2006

This amendment provides that the institution of marriage in South Carolina consists ~~with~~ ^{only the people} of the union between ~~and one woman~~ ^{one} and one man. ~~Other domestic unions are legal. The state and its political subdivisions are prohibited from creating or recognizing any right or claim resulting from any other domestic union, whatever it may be called, giving effect to any such right or benefit recognized in any other state or jurisdiction.~~

However, this amendment also makes clear it does not impair rights or benefits extended by this State, or its political subdivisions not arising from other domestic unions, nor does the amendment prohibit private parties from entering into contracts or other legal instruments.

Yes	825,766	78%
No	232,978	22%

South Dakota Amendment C, 2007

An Amendment to Article XXI of the South Dakota Constitution, relating to marriage.

South Dakota statutes currently limit marriage to unions between a man and a woman. However, the State Constitution does not address marriage.

Amendment C would amend the State Constitution to allow and recognize marriage ~~only~~ ^{any two people} between ~~one man and one woman~~ ^{any two people}. It would also ~~prohibit the Legislature from allowing~~ ^{and} recognizing civil unions, domestic partnerships or other quasi-marital relationships between two or more persons regardless of sex.

A vote "Yes" will change the Constitution.
A vote "No" will leave the Constitution as it is.

Yes	172,242	52%
No	160,173	48%

North Dakota Constitutional Measure 1, 2004

This constitutional measure would add a new section to article XI of the North Dakota Constitution, as follows: Marriage consists ~~only~~ ^{any two people} of the legal union between ~~a man and one woman~~ ^{any two people} other domestic unions, however denominated, may be recognized as a marriage or given the same or substantially equivalent legal effect.

Yes	223,572	73%
No	81,716	27%

Montana Constitutional Initiative 96, 2004

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Montana statutes define civil marriage as between a man and a woman, and prohibit marriage between persons of the same sex. The Montana Constitution currently contains no provisions defining marriage. This initiative, effective immediately, would amend the Montana Constitution to provide that ~~only~~ ^{any two people} marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ ^{any two people} may be valid if performed in Montana, or recognized in Montana if performed in another state.

Yes	295,070	67%
No	148,263	33%

Colorado Amendment 43, 2006

Marriage Amendment

An amendment to the Colorado constitution, concerning a union of ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Colorado.

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution, concerning marriage, and in connection therewith, specifying a union of ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Colorado?

Yes	855,126	55%
No	699,030	45%

Oklahoma State Question No. 711, 2004

This measure adds a new section of law to the Constitution. It adds Section 35 to Article 2. It defines marriage to be between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* giving the benefits of marriage to people who are not married. It provides that same sex marriages in other states are ~~not~~ valid in this state. It makes issuing a marriage license in violation of this section a misdemeanor.

Yes	1,075,216	76%
No	347,303	24%

Idaho Amendment 2, 2006

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Idaho:
Section 28, Article III

Statement of Meaning and Purpose
The proposed amendment would add a new Section 28 to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, stating that a marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* is the only a domestic legal union that shall be valid ~~and~~ recognized in the state of Idaho.

Effect of Adoption
If adopted, the proposed amendment would add language to the Constitution of the State of Idaho to provide that a marriage is ~~not~~ between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people*. The language ~~allows~~ recognition by the state of Idaho and its political subdivisions of civil unions, domestic partnerships, ~~and~~ any other relationship that ~~attempts~~ to approximate marriage. The language further ~~allows~~ the state and its political subdivisions from granting any or all of the legal benefits of marriage to civil unions, domestic partnerships, or any other relationship that attempts to approximate marriage.

Yes	282,386	63.3%
No	163,384	36.7%

Ohio Marriage Amendment, 2004

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio:

That the Constitution of the State of Ohio be amended by adopting a section to be designated as Section 11 of Article XV thereof, to read as follows:

Article XV Section 11, ~~Only a~~ union between ~~one man and one woman~~ *any two people* may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this state and its political subdivisions. This state and its political subdivisions shall ~~not create or~~ recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage.

A majority yes vote is necessary for passage.

Yes	3,329,335	62%
No	2,065,462	38%

Alabama ~~San~~ ^{City} of Marriage Amendment, 2006

Yes	697,591	81.3%
No	161,684	19.3%

(a) This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the ~~San~~ ^{City} of Marriage Amendment.

(b) Marriage is inherently a unique relationship between ~~one man and one woman~~ ^{any two people}. As a matter of public policy, this state has a special interest in encouraging, supporting, and protecting this unique relationship in order to promote, among other goals, the stability and welfare of society and its children. A marriage contracted between individuals of the same sex is ~~valid in this state~~ ^{legal}.

(c) Marriage is a ~~covenant, solemnized between one man and one woman, which, when the legal capacity and consent of both parties is present, establishes their relationship as a civil contract.~~ ^{two people}

(d) ~~Marriage licenses shall be issued in the State of Alabama to parties of the same sex.~~ ^W

(e) The State of Alabama shall ~~recognize as valid any marriage of parties of the same sex that occurred or was alleged to have occurred as a result of the law of any jurisdiction regardless of whether a marriage license was issued.~~ ^W

(f) The State of Alabama shall ~~recognize as valid any common law marriage of parties of the same sex.~~ ^W

(g) A union replicating marriage of or between persons of the same sex in the State of Alabama or in any other jurisdiction shall be considered and treated in all respects as having legal force or effect in this state and shall ~~be recognized by this state as a marriage or other union replicating marriage.~~ ^W

Utah Marriage Amendment, 2004

Yes	593,297	66%
No	307,488	34%

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to provide that: (1) marriage consists ~~only~~ ^{of} the legal union between ~~a man and a woman~~ ^{any two people}; (2) ~~all~~ ^{any} other domestic union may be recognized as a marriage or given the same or substantially equal legal effect?

Arizona Proposition 107, 2006

ANALYSIS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Pursuant to Arizona ~~state~~ ^{state} statute, marriage between persons of the same sex is ~~not~~ ^{legal} prohibited. Arizona law does ~~not~~ recognize a marriage contracted in any other state or country that is between two persons of the same sex.

Proposition 107 would amend the Arizona Constitution to provide that in order to preserve and protect marriage:

- ~~Only~~ ^A union between ~~one man and one woman~~ ^{any two people} shall be valid ~~and~~ ^{and} recognized as a marriage by the State of Arizona ~~and~~ ^{and} its cities, towns, counties or districts.
- The State of Arizona and its cities, towns, counties or districts shall ~~not create or~~ recognize a legal status for unmarried persons that is similar to marriage.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

State law requires the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) Staff to prepare a summary of the fiscal impact of certain ballot measures. Proposition 107 is not projected to have a state cost.

Yes	721,489	48%
No	775,498	52%

Oregon Ballot Measure 36, 2004

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote adds to Oregon constitution declaration of policy that ~~only~~ ^{any two people} marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ is valid or legally recognized as marriage.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote retains existing constitution without a provision declaring that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or legally recognized as marriage.

SUMMARY: Amends constitution. Oregon statutes currently provide that marriage is a civil contract entered into in person between individuals of the opposite sex, that is, between males and females at least 17 years of age who solemnize the marriage by declaring "they take each other to be husband and wife." The existing Oregon Constitution contains no provision governing marriage. Currently, the State of Oregon recognizes out-of-state marriages that are valid in the state where performed, unless the marriage violates a strong public policy of Oregon. Measure adds to Oregon Constitution a declaration that the policy of the State of Oregon and its political subdivisions is that ~~"only~~ ^{any two people} marriage between ~~one man and one woman~~ shall be valid or legally recognized as a marriage."

Yes	1,028,546	57%
No	787,556	43%