



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

July 31, 2015 - Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, RISSER, L. TAYLOR, RINGHAND, VINEHOUT, MILLER, C. LARSON, ERPENBACH, BEWLEY and HARRIS DODD, cosponsored by Representatives ZAMARRIPA, SPREITZER, SHANKLAND, BARCA, BARNES, BERCEAU, BILLINGS, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, DANOU, GENRICH, GOYKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, JOHNSON, JORGENSEN, KAHL, KESSLER, KOLSTE, MASON, MEYERS, MILROY, OHNSTAD, POPE, RIEMER, SARGENT, SINICKI, STUCK, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, WACHS and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1     **To amend** section 13 of article XIII of the constitution; **relating to:** eliminating  
2             constitutional restrictions on marriage (first consideration).

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2015 legislature on first consideration, eliminates the constitutional restriction that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state and the provision that a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of a marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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3             ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:***

4             **SECTION 1.** Section 13 of article XIII of the constitution is amended so as in effect  
5     to repeal said section:

6             [Article XIII] Section 13. ~~Only a marriage between one man and one woman~~  
7     ~~shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state. A legal status identical or~~  
8     ~~substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid~~  
9     ~~or recognized in this state.~~

