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MAY 3, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 3, 2011

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for marriage.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby resolves as follows:

5 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
6 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

7 That Article I be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 29. Marriage.

9 Marriage is the legal union of only one man and one woman as
10 husband and wife and no other legal union that is treated as
11 marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or
12 recognized.

13 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
14 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
15 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to

1 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
2 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
3 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
4 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
5 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

6 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
7 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
8 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
9 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
10 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
11 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
12 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
13 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
14 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
15 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
16 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
17 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
18 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
19 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
20 passed by the General Assembly.