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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8224

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By Senator McCaslin

Read first time . Referred to .

1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the  
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state  
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to the  
6 Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new Article to read  
7 as follows:

8 Article ..., section .... Only a marriage between one man and one  
9 woman shall be valid or recognized in Washington state. The uniting of  
10 two persons other than a male and a female in any marital relationship  
11 is not valid in this state, and, although valid in another state or  
12 jurisdiction, is not recognized as valid in this state and is void and  
13 unenforceable under the laws of this state. The legislature may  
14 provide for such restrictions or sanctions on marriage related to age  
15 or degree of kinship as it deems necessary.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
17 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four

1 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal  
2 newspaper in the state.

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