

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
2 the Senate concurring:

3 1. Article XXX, section 1, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to
4 be repealed as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of
5 the Governor:

6 Article XXX, section 1, Constitution of Arizona,
7 relating to marriage, is repealed.

8 2. Article XXX, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be amended
9 by adding a new section 1 as follows if approved by the voters and on
10 proclamation of the Governor:

11 1. Marriage

12 SECTION 1. MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO INDIVIDUALS SHALL NOT
13 BE PROHIBITED OR VOID ON THE BASIS OF THE SEX, RACE, ETHNICITY
14 OR NATIONAL ORIGIN OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

15 3. Legislative findings

16 The legislature finds that:

17 1. No union is more profound than marriage, as it embodies the
18 highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family.

19 2. Diverse beliefs and the role of gender in marriage are held by
20 reasonable and sincere people based on decent and honorable religious or
21 philosophical premises. People and their diverse beliefs are due proper
22 respect.

23 3. Many people, including interracial and same-sex couples, have
24 entered marriages and have enjoyed the rights and privileges associated
25 with marriage. Couple joining in marriage deserve to have the dignity,
26 stability and ongoing protection that marriage affords to families and
27 children.

28 4. This act does not diminish or abrogate a religious liberty or
29 conscience protection, that pertains to the solemnization or celebration of
30 marriage, that is otherwise available to an individual or organization
31 under the laws of Arizona or the United States.

32 5. Consistent with the first amendment of the United States
33 Constitution, nothing in this act shall be construed to require nonprofit
34 religious organizations, including churches, mosques, synagogues,
35 temples, nondenominational ministries, interdenominational and
36 ecumenical organizations, to solemnize or celebrate a marriage in
37 violation of its sincerely held religious beliefs and shall not be required
38 to provide services, facilities, goods or privileges for the solemnization or
39 celebration of a marriage in violation of its sincerely held religious
beliefs.

40 4. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
41 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,
42 Constitution of Arizona.