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HOUSE BILL NO. 61

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCALISE AND FAUCHEUX

MARRIAGE: (Constitutional Amendment) Defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana, to enact Article I, Section 27, relative to marriage; to define marriage; to prohibit the conference of marital rights; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article I, Section 27 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§27. Definition of Marriage

Section 27. Marriage in the state of Louisiana shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman. Neither this constitution nor state law shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups. No official or court of the state of Louisiana shall recognize any marriage contracted in any other jurisdiction which is not the union of one man and one woman.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2004.

1 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
2 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to
3 vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read
4 as follows:

5 To define marriage as the union of one man and one woman and to provide
6 that neither the constitution nor laws of this state shall be construed to confer
7 marital status or any legal incidents thereof upon unmarried couples or
8 groups; to provide that no official or court may recognize any marriage
9 contracted in another jurisdiction unless it is a union between one man and
10 one woman. (Adds Article I, Section 27)

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument.

Scalise

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Abstract: Defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Proposed constitutional amendment defines marriage in Louisiana as the union of one man and one woman and provides that the state shall not be required to confer marital status or legal incidents thereof upon unmarried couples or groups.

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits the recognition by any official or court of a marriage contracted in another jurisdiction unless it is a union between one man and one woman.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 2, 2004.

(Adds Const. Art. I, §27)