

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 61 by Representative Scalise

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

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changed the date the proposed amendment will be submitted to the electors of the state from November 2, 2004 to September 18, 2004.
2. Provided technical conforming amendments to Senate Bill No. 166

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that marriage in Louisiana is the union of one man and one woman and prohibits officials or courts from conferring marriage or the legal incidents thereof upon any union other than the union of one man and one woman.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that a legal status similar to that of marriage shall not be valid or recognized for unmarried individuals.

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 September 18, 2004.

(Adds Const. Art. XII, §15)