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Scalise

HB No. 61

**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 November 2, 2004.

(Adds Const. Art. I, §27)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill.

1. Provides that a legal status similar to marriage shall not be valid or recognized for unmarried individuals.
2. Clarifies that no official or court of this state shall construe the constitution or laws of this state as requiring marriage or the legal incidents thereof to be conferred upon same sex unions.