## **DIGEST**

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Scalise HB No. 61

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

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> 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.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> 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)