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H. R. 1269

To amend title 28, United States Code, to limit Federal court jurisdiction over questions under the Defense of Marriage Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2009

Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. CARTER, Mr. AKIN, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. LINDER, and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Marriage Protection
5 Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 99 of title 28, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 1632. Limitation on jurisdiction**

6 “No court created by Act of Congress shall have any
7 jurisdiction, and the Supreme Court shall have no appel-
8 late jurisdiction, to hear or decide any question pertaining
9 to the interpretation of, or the validity under the Constitu-
10 tion of, section 1738C of this section.”.

11 (b) AMENDMENTS TO THE TABLE OF SECTIONS.—
12 The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 99 of
13 title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
14 end the following new item:

“1632. Limitation on jurisdiction.”.

