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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative
to marriage.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23, 2015

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States relative to marriage.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 by the Congress:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The United States and each State, terri-
3 tory, and possession thereof shall have the power to define
4 marriage as limited to the union of one man and one
5 woman. Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed
6 to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be
7 conferred upon any union other than the union of one man
8 and one woman or to require that a State recognize a mar-
9 riage that was licensed in another State. No decision or
10 order of any court to the contrary, including any decision
11 or order issued before the date of ratification, shall have
12 any force or effect.”.

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