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HOUSE BILL 777

Short Title:	Defense of Marriage. (Public)

Sponsors:	Representatives Lewis, R. Brown, Crawford, and Hill (Primary Sponsors).
	For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to:	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 7, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT MARRIAGE IS THE
3   UNION OF ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN AT ONE TIME, AND THAT NO OTHER
4   RELATIONSHIP SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS A VALID MARRIAGE BY THE
5   STATE.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7   **SECTION 1.** Article 14 of the North Carolina Constitution is amended by adding
8 the following new section:
9 "**Sec. 6. Marriage.**
10   Marriage is the union of one man and one woman at one time. No other relationship shall
11 be recognized as a valid marriage by the State."
12   **SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
13 the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election on November 6, 2012, which
14 election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting
15 systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The
16 question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:
17   "[ ] FOR   [ ] AGAINST
18   Constitutional amendment to provide that marriage is the union of one man and one woman
19 at one time, and no other relationship shall be recognized as a valid marriage by the State."
20   **SECTION 3.** If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the
21 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the
22 amendment to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so
23 certified among the permanent records of that office.
24   **SECTION 4.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act becomes effective
25 January 1, 2013.
26   **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.