

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS55043-LBx-120 (01/04)

Short Title: Defense of Marriage.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Forrester, Tillman, and Soucek (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE MARRIAGE BETWEEN A
3 MAN AND A WOMAN IS THE ONLY DOMESTIC LEGAL UNION THAT SHALL BE
4 VALID OR RECOGNIZED IN THIS STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 14 of the North Carolina Constitution is amended by adding
7 the following new section:

8 "**Sec. 6. Marriage.**

9 Marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid
10 or recognized in this State."

11 **SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
12 the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election on November 6, 2012, which
13 election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting
14 systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The
15 question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

16 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

17 Constitutional amendment to provide that marriage between a man and a woman is
18 the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State."

19 **SECTION 3.** If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the
20 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the
21 amendment to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so
22 certified among the permanent records of that office.

23 **SECTION 4.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act becomes effective
24 January 1, 2013.

25 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

