

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 106**

Short Title: Defense of Marriage. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Forrester, Tillman, Soucek; Apodaca, Blake, Brock, Brown, Daniel, Davis, East, Goolsby, Gunn, Harrington, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Meredith, Newton, Pate, Preston, Rouzer, Rucho, and Tucker.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

February 23, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

**"Sec. 6. Marriage.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

