

As Introduced

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H. J. R. No. 4

Representatives Synenberg, Somani

**Cosponsors: Representatives Jarrells, Piccolantonio, Cockley, Russo, Sigrist, Rader,
Brennan, Glassburn, Sweeney, Brent, Robinson, Brewer, Isaacsohn, Humphrey,
Mohamed, Lawson-Rowe, Lett, Upchurch, Thomas, C., Denson, Baker, Brownlee,
Sims, Hall, D., White, E., Rogers, Grim, Miller, J., McNally, Tims**

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Section 11 of Article XV of the 1
Constitution of the State of Ohio to reconcile Ohio 2
law with federal law regarding same sex marriage and 3
to recognize the right to interracial marriage. 4

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 5
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 6
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 7
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 8
election to be held on November 3, 2026, a proposal to amend 9
Section 11 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of 10
Ohio to read as follows: 11

ARTICLE XV 12

Section 11. (A) Only a union between ~~one man and one woman~~ 13
two individuals may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this 14
state and its political subdivisions. This state and its 15
political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal 16

status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends 17
to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of 18
marriage. 19

(B) This state and its political subdivisions shall not 20
prohibit marriage between individuals of different races. 21

EFFECTIVE DATE 22

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 23
proposal, the amendment of Section 11 of Article XV of the 24
Constitution of the State of Ohio takes effect immediately, and 25
existing Section 11 of Article XV of the Constitution of the 26
State of Ohio is repealed from such effective date. 27