

# SCR24-003: Repealing the Constitutional Definition of Marriage

Placed on the ballot by the legislature • Passes with a majority vote

- 1 **SCR24-003 proposes amending the Colorado Constitution to:**  
2 • repeal the legally obsolete definition of marriage as the union between one man  
3 and one woman.

## 4 **What Your Vote Means**

### 5 **YES**

6 A “yes” vote on SCR 24-003 removes  
7 legally obsolete language in the Colorado  
8 Constitution that defines marriage as a  
9 union between one man and one woman.

### 10 **NO**

11 A “no” vote on SCR 24-003 maintains the  
12 current language in the Colorado  
13 Constitution that defines marriage as a  
14 union between one man and one woman.

## 15 **Summary and Analysis of SCR24-003**

### 16 **What is the status of same-sex marriage in Colorado?**

17 Same-sex marriage in Colorado is legal due to federal and state court rulings and federal  
18 legislation. The U.S. Supreme Court and the Colorado Supreme Court have issued rulings  
19 recognizing the marriage rights of same-sex couples and in 2022, the U.S. Congress passed  
20 legislation making same-sex marriage legal under federal law.

### 21 **What does this measure do?**

22 In 2006, Colorado voters approved an amendment to Colorado’s constitution stating that  
23 only the union of one man or one woman is a valid or recognized marriage in Colorado.  
24 SCR 24-003 repeals this language, which was rendered legally obsolete due the court rulings  
25 and federal law.

For information on those issue committees that support or oppose the measures on the ballot at the November 5, 2024, election, go to the Colorado Secretary of State’s elections center web site hyperlink for ballot and initiative information:

<https://coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/Initiatives/InitiativesHome.html>

1 **Arguments For SCR24-003**

- 2 1) Same-sex marriage is a basic right protected by state and federal court ruling and by  
3 federal law. Colorado's constitution should reflect this right for all Coloradans.

4 **Arguments Against SCR24-003**

- 5 1) Marriage is a union between one man and one woman. This definition of marriage  
6 should remain in Colorado's Constitution.

7 **Fiscal Impact of SCR24-003**

- 8 The fiscal impact will be included in the second draft.