

*Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 31 of article II of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended to read:

**Section 31. Civil Unions and Marriages.** ~~Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state.~~ THE STATE MAY PRESCRIBE ANY LAW THAT DEFINES AND REGULATES A CIVIL UNION BETWEEN A SAME-SEX OR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE.

A MARRIAGE IS RECOGNIZED AS A FORM OF RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO THAT SHALL NOT BE ABRIDGED THROUGH THE STATE PRESCRIBING OR RECOGNIZING ANY LAW THAT IMPLICITLY OR EXPLICITLY DEFINES A MARRIAGE IN OPPOSITION OR AGREEMENT WITH ANY PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS BELIEF.

FOR THE RESOLUTION OF MATTERS UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE, A MARRIAGE ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND A MARRIAGE ESTABLISHED OUTSIDE THE STATE OF COLORADO SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS A CIVIL UNION.