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Proposal for Colorado Constitutional Amendment Protection of Rights for Same Sex Couples

This ballot is being submitted in order to codify same sex marriage into Colorado law.

We are submitting this ballot so same sex couples rights are protected.

This change would protect same sex couples in the event of the federal protections are repealed.

Current Legislation - Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) 14-2-104

14-2-104. Formalities.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, a marriage is valid in this state if:

- (a)** It is licensed, solemnized, and registered as provided in this part 1; and
- (b)** It is only between one man and one woman.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-2-112, any marriage contracted within or outside this state that does not satisfy paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section shall not be recognized as valid in this state.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to repeal or render invalid any otherwise valid common law marriage between one man and one woman:

- (a)** Entered into prior to September 1, 2006; or
- (b)** Entered into on or after September 1, 2006, that complies with section 14-2-109.5.

Proposed legislation

14-2-104. Formalities.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, a marriage is valid in this state if:
 (a) It is licensed, solemnized, and registered as provided in this part 1; and
 (b) It is only between two consenting adults.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-2-112, any marriage contracted within or outside this state that does not satisfy paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section shall not be recognized as valid in this state.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to repeal or render invalid any otherwise valid common law marriage between two consenting adults:

(a) Entered into prior to September 1, 2006; or

(b) Entered into on or after September 1, 2006, that complies with section 14-2-109.5.

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