

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT THE ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE SHALL NOT BE DENIED ON THE BASIS THAT THE SEX OF BOTH APPLICANTS IS THE SAME AND THAT NO CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY OR RECOGNIZE A MARRIAGE FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES THAT CONFLICTS WITH THE CHURCH'S OR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION'S BELIEFS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 20 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

"The issuance of a marriage license shall not be denied on the basis that the sex of both applicants is the same. No church or religious institution shall be required to perform a marriage ceremony or recognize a marriage for religious

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1 purposes that conflicts with the church's or religious
2 institution's beliefs."

3 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
4 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
5 rejection at the next general election or at any special
6 election prior to that date that may be called for that
7 purpose.