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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
NEW MEXICO TO DEFINE A RECOGNIZED, VALID MARRIAGE AS ONE THAT  
IS PERFORMED OR ENTERED INTO BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.**

**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 only marriage that is recognized or valid in the  
state of New Mexico, whether performed or entered into in New  
Mexico or elsewhere, is a marriage between one man and one  
woman. Any other marriage is against the public policy of New  
Mexico. A purported marriage between persons of the same sex  
violates New Mexico public policy and is absolutely void and  
not recognized for any reason, even if valid when and where  
contracted. "**

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Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date which may be called for that purpose.