

# NORTH CAROLINA

## MARRIAGE AMENDMENT PETITION FORM



We, the undersigned, do hereby pledge our support for, and ask the members of the North Carolina General Assembly to adopt, legislation calling for an amendment to the North Carolina Constitution defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman at one time.

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# **Defense of Marriage Bills**

## **Senate Bill 13**

### **Main Sponsors Senators Forrester and Smith**

#### **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT MARRIAGE is the union of ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN** at one time, and this is the only marriage that is recognized as valid in this state.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 14 of the North Carolina Constitution is amended by adding the following new section:

**“Sec. 6. Marriage.** Marriage is the union of one man and one woman at one time. This is the only marriage that shall be recognized as valid in this State. The uniting of two persons of the same sex or the uniting of more than two persons of any sex in a marriage, civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar relationship within or outside of this State shall not be valid or recognized in this State. This Constitution shall not be construed to require that marital status or the rights, privileges, benefits, or other legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon unmarried individuals or groups.”

**SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at an election on November 6, 2007, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

**An overwhelming majority** of North Carolinians support marriage as a sacred bond between one man and one woman, but our current laws are not enough to protect society’s most important institution. While NC General Statutes 51-1 and 51-1.2 already define marriage as “between a man and a woman,” a single Superior Court Judge could overturn these North Carolina statutes protecting marriage. Also, these statutes can be overturned by any future General Assembly that wants to repeal our state’s statutes protecting marriage...**Senator Fred Smith**

**House Bill 493 is corresponding Defense of marriage Bill in the North Carolina House.**