

2005 SESSION

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 586

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections  
on February 15, 2005)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Delegates Byron, Cosgrove, and Marshall, R.G. )

*Proposing an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Virginia by adding a section numbered  
15-A, relating to marriage.*

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to  
each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same  
hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next  
general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the  
provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend Article I of the Constitution of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15-A as follows:

ARTICLE I  
BILL OF RIGHTS

*Section 15-A. Marriage.*

*That only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by  
this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions. This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions  
shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to  
approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effect of marriage.*

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