

Wording of Constitutional Amendments

Arkansas

"Marriage consists only of the union of one man and one woman. Legal status **for unmarried persons** which is identical or substantially similar to marital status shall not be valid or recognized in Arkansas, except that the legislature may recognize a common law marriage from another state between a man and a woman. The legislature has the power to determine the capacity of persons to marry, subject to this amendment, and the legal rights, obligations, privileges, and immunities of marriage."

Kentucky

"Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Kentucky. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage **for unmarried individuals** shall not be valid or recognized."

Louisiana

"Marriage in the state of Louisiana shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman. No official or court of the state of Louisiana shall construe this constitution or any state law to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any member of a union **other than** the union of one man and one woman. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage **for unmarried individuals** shall not be valid or recognized. No official or court of the state of Louisiana shall recognize any marriage contracted in any other jurisdiction which is not the union of one man and one woman."

North Dakota

"Marriage consists only of the legal union between a man and a woman. No **other** domestic union, however denominated, may be recognized as a marriage or given the same or substantially equivalent effect."

Ohio

"Only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this state and its political subdivisions. This state 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."

Oklahoma

"A. Marriage in this state shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman. Neither this Constitution nor any other provision of law shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred **upon unmarried couples or groups**.

B. A marriage between persons of the same gender performed in another state shall not be recognized as valid and binding in this state as of the date of the marriage.

C. Any person knowingly issuing a marriage license in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Utah

"(1) Marriage consists only of the legal union between a man and a woman. (2) No **other** domestic status or union, however denominated, between persons is valid or recognized or may be authorized, sanctioned, or given the same or substantially equivalent legal effect as a marriage."

Wisconsin (proposed)

"Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage **for unmarried individuals** shall not be valid or recognized in this state."

Texas (proposed)

Article I, Texas Constitution, (The Bill of Rights) is amended by adding Section 32 to read as follows:

Sec. 32. (a) Marriage in this state shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman.

(b) This state or a political subdivision of this state may not create or recognize any legal status identical or similar to marriage.