



Freedom to Marry Ohio

March 26, 2012

Honorable Mike DeWine
Ohio Attorney General
30 East Broad Street
Columbus OH, 43215

RE: Summary Petition

ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE

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CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES

Dear Attorney General DeWine:

Pursuant to R.C. § 3519.01(A), I am hereby filing with you office a petition to approve a summary of a constitutional amendment to be proposed by initiative petition. The petition contains 2,387 signatures of electors on 273 part-petitions and the summary and full text of the amendment to be proposed.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jen Stack

Number: 273

County: Franklin

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Attorney General of Ohio: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3519.01(A), the undersigned electors of the State of Ohio, numbering in excess of one thousand, hereby submit to you the full text of a proposed law and a summary of the same.

TITLE

The Freedom to Marry and Religious Freedom Amendment

SUMMARY

This amendment would repeal and replace Section 11, Article XV of the Constitution to:

1. Allow two consenting adults freedom to enter into a marriage regardless of gender;
2. Give religious institutions freedom to determine whom to marry;
3. Give religious institutions protection to refuse to perform a marriage.

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

(Existing language that would be repealed is struck through. The proposed new language is not struck through.)

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article XV, Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution be adopted and read as follows: Section 11. In the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions, marriage shall be a union of two consenting adults not nearer of kin than second cousins, and not having a husband or wife living, and no religious institution shall be required to perform or recognize a marriage.

~~Section 11. 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.~~

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Stephen Liberman, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 4 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

(Signed) [Signature]

263 Woodland Ave
(Address of circulator's permanent residence in this state)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

Columbus
City, Village or Township

OH 43203
State Zip Code

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS
GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.