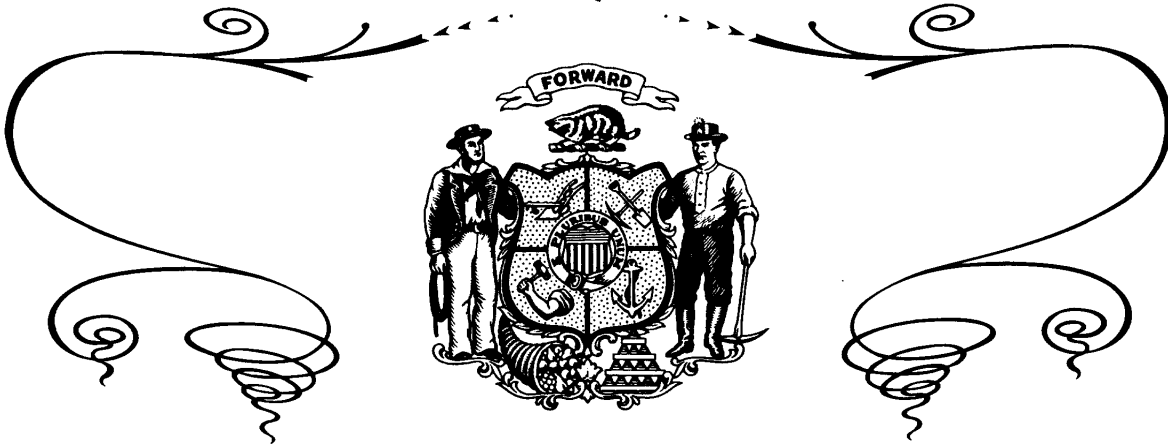# State of Wisconsin

2005 Senate Joint Resolution 53

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

To create section 13 of article XIII of the constitution; **relating to:** providing that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state (2nd consideration).

Whereas, the 2003 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2003 Assembly Joint Resolution 66, which became 2003 Enrolled Joint Resolution 29, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the 2 houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13 of article XIII of the constitution is created to read:

[Article XIII] Section 13. 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.

SECTION 2. **Numbering of new provision.** The new section 13 of article XIII of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated by the next higher open whole section number in that article if, before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a section 13 of article XIII of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create a section 13 of article XIII simultaneously with the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the sections created shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the sections created by the joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers designated in that joint resolution and the sections created by the other joint resolutions have numbers that

are in the same ascending order as are the numbers of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the sections.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2005 legislature; and, be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2006; and, be it further

Resolved, That the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: "**Marriage.** Shall section 13 of article XIII of the constitution be created to provide that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state and that a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state?"

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk