



State of Wisconsin  
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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 9,  
TO 2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53**

December 6, 2005 – Offered by Senator CARPENTER.

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

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2005 legislature on first consideration, authorizes the legislature 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.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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4 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:***

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

6 [Article XIII] Section 13. The legislature, by law, may provide that only a  
7 marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage  
8 in this state. The legislature, by law, may provide that a legal status identical or

