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S 1608. DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE. Filed 5/14/08. *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT MARRIAGE IS THE UNION OF ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN AT ONE TIME, AND THIS IS THE ONLY MARRIAGE THAT IS RECOGNIZED AS VALID IN THIS STATE.*

As title indicates, requires a referendum at the November 2008 general election on a proposed amendment to Article 14 of the NC Constitution, to provide that the uniting of two persons of the same sex or the uniting of more than two persons of any sex in a marriage, civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar relationship within or outside of NC is not valid or recognized in NC and that the Constitution shall not be construed to require that marital status or the rights, privileges, benefits, or other legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon unmarried individuals or groups. If approved by the voters, the amendment becomes effective January 1, 2009.

Intro. by Forrester.

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