

Colorado Defense of Marriage
Convention Call
to
Amend the United States Constitution

Colorado Constitution, Article V, Legislative Department, Section 51.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Until the congress of the United States of America proposes an amendment to the United States constitution that only (a) defines marriage as between a man and a woman or (b) ensures to each state the right to decide for itself the definition of marriage for all its residents, then, the general assembly of the state of Colorado of each session of this state shall after commencing but prior to the passage of any new legislation by the general assembly of the state of Colorado vote on a resolution calling for the convening of a United States constitutional convention with the same authority and rules as the earlier founding convention. The general assembly of the state of Colorado shall take all such additional acts as necessary to attend and fully participate in such a convention. Appointed representatives shall then, prior to the convention, meet with appointed representatives from other states no later than May 14 of each year at a place designated by a plurality of states having appointed representatives, and shall consult together regarding the participation yet needed by other states. A vote shall not be required hereunder when (i) a majority of the members of any chamber of the general assembly of the state of Colorado elects to postpone for the session such a vote, (ii) the resolution has been approved and remains valid, or (iii) in consequence of a convention, any constitutional amendment adopted either (a) defines marriage as between a man and a woman or (b) ensures to each state the right to decide for itself the definition of marriage for all its residents.

Effective date shall be 30 days after approval of the Initiative.