

State ☒ Initiative ☐ Referendum Petition Signature Sheet



Petition ID 8

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Amends Constitution: Recognizes marriage between couples of same gender; protects clergy/religious institutions' refusal to perform marriages

Result of "Yes" Vote: "Yes" vote amends constitution; recognizes the right of same-gender couples to marry; protects right of clergy and religious institutions to refuse to perform marriages.

Result of "No" Vote: "No" vote retains existing constitutional ban on marriage of same-gender couples; retains constitutional provision that recognizes only marriage between one man and one woman.

Summary: Oregon Constitution currently bans marriage between couples of the same gender by providing that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or legally recognized. Oregon statutes currently limit the right to marriage based on age, capacity to consent, marital status, and degree of kinship. Measure amends Constitution to recognize the right of couples of the same gender to marry provided they meet statutory qualifications. Measure requires state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples on the same basis as opposite-sex couples. Measure provides that marriages between same-sex couples are subject to the same laws that govern marriages between opposite-sex couples. Measure protects the existing right of religious institutions and clergy to refuse to perform a marriage. Other provisions.

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Article XV, section 5(a). Policy regarding marriage. ~~It is the policy of Oregon, and its political subdivisions, that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or legally recognized as a marriage.~~ It is the policy of the State of Oregon to recognize and protect the right to marry, while also preserving and protecting the right of religious institutions and clergy to refuse to perform a marriage.

(1) **Right to Marry:** The state and its political subdivisions shall issue marriage licenses to all couples who otherwise meet the requirements of Oregon law regarding age, marital status, capacity to consent to marriage, and degree of kinship.

(2) **Religious Protection:** The existing right of religious institutions and clergy to refuse to perform a marriage shall be protected.

(3) **Non-Discrimination:** All legally valid marriages shall be treated equally under the law.

Instructions for Signers

- 1 Only active Oregon voters may sign the petition. Sign your full name, as you did when you registered to vote.
- 2 Fill in the date you signed the petition, your printed name and residence address in the spaces provided. Only you may complete your optional information.
- 3 Use a pen when signing the petition.
- 4 **It is against the law for signers to:**
 - Sign another person's name under any circumstances.
 - Sign a petition more than one time.
 - Sign a petition when you are not qualified to sign it.

To the Secretary of State of Oregon: I request this petition be submitted to the people of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the November 4, 2014, General Election. A full and correct copy of the text was available for my review and I have not previously signed a signature sheet for this petition.

Signature

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Print Name

Residence Address street, city, zip code

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