

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Ingalls Senate Bill Number 511

Legislative Action:

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN MONTANA, BY AMENDING ARTICLE XIII SECTION 7, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1: (Purpose) No one should be denied the right to be legally married to whom they love, or be denied the joys of having children.

Section 2: (Amendment) Article XIII Section 7 of the state constitution is amended to read: Marriage between two people shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state.

Section 3: Upon passage of this bill, both individuals involved in a same-gender marriage must have been citizens of the state of Montana for one year prior to the date of their marriage. This will allow couples to be certain that they had made the right choice.

Section 4: All the same insurance rights and tax programs that apply to opposite-gender couples will apply to same-gender couples.

Section 5: These persons shall be granted the same adoption rights as opposite-gender couples.

Section 6: The same laws regarding the divorce of opposite-gender couples will apply to these couples.

Section 7: (Submission to electorate) This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2008 by printing on the ballot the full title of the act and the following:

- FOR 45-day annual legislative sessions and allowing legislation to be carried forward.
- AGAINST 45-day annual legislative sessions and allowing legislation to be carried forward.

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