

January 31, 2005

**S 8. DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE.** *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 May 2006 primary election on proposed amendment to Art. 14 of the NC Constitution. Amendment further provides 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 shall not be valid or recognized in NC and that 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 voters, amendment effective July 1, 2006.

**Intro. by Forrester.**

Ref. to Ways and Means

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