

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2025

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SENATE BILL 1025

Short Title: Constitutional Repeal of Art. XIV Sec. 6. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Garrett (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 4, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION AND REPEAL A  
CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION THAT RECOGNIZES MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE  
MAN AND ONE WOMAN AS THE ONLY DOMESTIC LEGAL UNION THAT IS  
VALID OR RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Article XIV of the North Carolina Constitution reads as  
rewritten:

**"Sec. 6. Marriage.**

~~Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be  
valid or recognized in this State. This section does not prohibit a private party from entering into  
contracts with another private party; nor does this section prohibit courts from adjudicating the  
rights of private parties pursuant to such contracts."~~

**SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to  
the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 2026, which election shall  
be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or  
both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be  
used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

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Constitutional amendment to repeal a constitutional provision that recognizes  
marriage between one man and one woman as the only domestic legal union that is valid and  
recognized in this State."

**SECTION 3.** If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment  
set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the  
Secretary of State, and the amendment becomes effective January 1, 2027. The Secretary of State  
shall enroll the amendment so certified among the permanent records of that office.

**SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
law.

