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10	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 122ND LEGISLATURE
12	FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
14	HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 891
16	L.D. 1294, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Define Marriage"
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20	Amend the amendment in the first paragraph in the first lines (page 1, lines 23 and 24 in amendment) by striking out the following: "in section 24 by striking out all of the last
22	underlined sentence (page 1, lines 9 to 13 in L.D.)" and
	inserting in its place the following: 'by striking out all o
24	section 24 and inserting in its place the following:
26	'Section 24. Marriage. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Legislature, subject to the procedures
28	authorized by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2, has the exclusive authority to define marriage and to establish
30	eligibility for marriage under the laws of the State, and the State, its political subdivisions and the courts shall enforce
32	those laws.'
34	Further amend the amendment in the 2nd paragraph in the first to 4th lines (page 1, lines 26 to 29 in amendment) by
36	striking out the following: "in the question in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 30 to 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following
38	"and to prohibit the creation or recognition of a legal status
40	similar to marriage" " and inserting in its place the following 'by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 27 to 31 in
4.0	L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:
42	' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to
44	provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Constitution of Maine, the Legislature has the exclusive
46	authority to define marriage and to establish eligibility for marriage?" '

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SUMMARY

This amendment amends the committee amendment to strike the definition of marriage proposed in the constitutional resolution and replace it with language providing that the Legislature has the exclusive authority to define marriage and eligibility for marriage under the laws of the State.

SPONSORED BY:

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