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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**EIGHTY-FIFTH
SESSION**

HOUSE FILE No. 1847

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to
1.3 article XIII; recognizing as marriage or its legal equivalent only a union between
1.4 one man and one woman.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

1.7 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the
1.8 amendment is adopted, a section shall be added to article XIII, to read:

1.9 Sec. 13. Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a
1.10 marriage in Minnesota. Any other relationship shall not be recognized as a marriage or its
1.11 legal equivalent by the state or any of its political subdivisions.

1.12 Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

1.13 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2008 general
1.14 election. The question submitted must be:

1.15 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that the state and its
1.16 political subdivisions shall recognize marriage or its legal equivalent as limited to only the
1.17 union of one man and one woman?

1.18 Yes

1.19 No"