



April 4, 2014

Hon. Mike DeWine
Ohio Attorney General
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

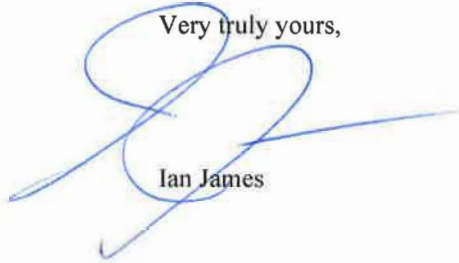
Re: Summary Petition

Dear Attorney General DeWine:

I am hereby filing with your office on behalf of FreedomOhio, the Freedom to Marry and Religious Freedom Amendment, and pursuant to R.C. §3519.01(A), a petition to approve a summary of a constitutional amendment to be proposed by initiative petition. The petition contains 1,618 signatures of electors on 293 part-petitions and the summary and full text of the amendment to be proposed.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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INITIATIVE PETITION



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To the Attorney General of Ohio: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3519.01(A), the undersigned electors of the State of Ohio, numbering in excess of one thousand, hereby submit to you the full text of a proposed Amendment to the Ohio Constitution and a summary of the same.

TITLE

The Freedom to Marry and Religious Freedom Amendment

SUMMARY

This proposed amendment would repeal and replace Section 11 to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution to:

- 1. Allow two consenting adults not nearer of kin than second cousins, and not having a husband or wife living, the freedom to enter into a marriage regardless of gender;
- 2. Define religious house of worship as one where the primary activity is religious worship and provides that no house of worship or its clergy shall be required to perform a marriage;
- 3. Provide that all legally valid marriages shall be treated equally under the law.

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article XV, Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution is hereby amended to add the following to Section 11 as the Freedom to Marry and Religious Freedom Amendment and repeal the existing language of Section 11 shown below with strikethroughs:

Section 11 Freedom to Marry and Religious Freedom

In the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions, marriage shall be a union of two consenting adults not nearer of kin than second cousins, and not having a husband or wife living, and no religious house of worship or the religious house of worship's clergy shall be required to perform a marriage. All legally valid marriages shall be treated equally under the law. For the purposes of this Section, a religious house of worship is one where the primary activity is religious worship.

~~Only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this state and its political subdivisions. This state and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage.~~

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, Stephen Leburney, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 8 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

[Signature]
(Signed)

1349 E. Broad St.
(Address of circulator's permanent residence)
Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

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OH 43205
State Zip Code

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS
GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.