

HOUSE BILL NO. 798

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO REPEAL ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 7, WHICH PROHIBITS SAME-SEX MARRIAGES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Repealer.** Article XIII, section 7, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is repealed.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Two-thirds vote required.** Because [section 1] is a legislative proposal to amend the constitution, Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana constitution requires an affirmative roll call vote of two-thirds of all the members of the legislature, whether one or more bodies, for passage.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** If approved by the electorate, [this act] is effective January 1, 2027.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2026 by printing on the ballot the full title of [this act] and the following:

1 ☐ YES on Constitutional Amendment ____.

2 ☐ NO on Constitutional Amendment ____.

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