

## SJRES 12

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to marriage.

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

**Introduced:** Apr 23, 2015

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Apr 23, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/12>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 23, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 23, 2015)

#### Constitutional Amendment

Grants the United States and each state, territory, and possession the power to define marriage as limited to the union of one man and one woman.

Declares that: (1) nothing in this constitution shall be construed to require that marriage or its legal incidents be conferred upon any union other than the union of one man and one woman or to require that a state recognize a marriage that was licensed in another state; and (2) no decision or order of any court to the contrary, including any decision or order issued before the date of ratification, shall have any force or effect.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 23, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
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