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# SENATE BILL NO. 180

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 451.022, RSMo 2000, relating to marriage, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 451.022, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 451.022, to read as follows:

[451.022. 1. It is the public policy of this state to recognize marriage only between a man and a woman.

2. Any purported marriage not between a man and a woman is invalid.

3. No recorder shall issue a marriage license, except to a man and a woman.]

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**4. A marriage between persons of the same sex will not be recognized for any purpose in this state even when valid where contracted.**

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**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**