

AMENDMENT #2: REPEAL-AND-REPLACE MARRIAGE

WHY THE MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BALLOT LANGUAGE IS DECEPTIVE

**"Question: Should the Constitution of
Virginia be amended to**

Truth is, same-sex marriage is already legal under the Supreme Court's *Obergefell* ruling.

(i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage;

Erases even the mere mention of "man" and "woman" in the context of marriage in our constitution.

By adding "gender" and "sex" as separate categories, inserts trans ideology — which will be used to threaten parental rights in schools and protections for girls' privacy and sports.

(ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and

There are no laws prohibiting interracial marriage or any legitimate organizations objecting to it— it's a deceptive ploy to cloak the real intent: pushing trans dogma at the highest levels.

(iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?"

Both same-sex and heterosexual marriage are currently treated the same under the law. Again, this is red-herring language that deceptively covers the real impact: redefining and replacing marriage with trans ideology in our constitution.

WHAT DOES THE AMENDMENT #2 (REPEAL-AND-REPLACE MARRIAGE) REALLY MEAN?

Amendment Key

(Crossouts and italics appear as originally included in the amendment proposal)

- **Crossouts**= What they are proposing to **remove**.
- **Italics**= What they are proposing to **insert**.

Amend Section 15-A of Article I of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 15-A. Marriage.

That ~~only a union between one man and one woman~~ may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions marriage is one of *the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness.*

This Commonwealth 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 effects of marriage~~ deny the *issuance of a marriage license* to two adult persons seeking a lawful marriage on the basis of the *sex, gender,* or race of such persons. Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the *rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage.* This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall recognize any lawful marriage between two adult persons and treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such persons.

....Eliminating language emphasizing the benefits and obligations of marriage that have been documented as central to the protection of children and necessary for stable societies.

Removes any mention of "man" or "woman" in the context of marriage — erasing all recognition of the significance of committed mother-father stability in raising children.

By stripping this language, it permanently destroys the unique status of heterosexual marriage.

By separating out "sex" from "gender," embeds transgender ideology into our constitution — that would allow it to be used to pressure schools, businesses and government to adopt policies that conflict with biological reality