

CHAPTER 97-268

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 147

An act relating to marriage; providing that same-sex marriages entered into in any jurisdiction, whether within, or outside the State of Florida, the United States, or any other jurisdiction, either domestic or foreign, or any other place or location are not recognized in this state; prohibiting the state and its agencies and subdivisions from giving effect to specified public acts, records, or proceedings respecting such relationships or claims arising from such relationships; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) Marriages between persons of the same sex entered into in any jurisdiction, whether within, or outside the State of Florida, the United States, or any other jurisdiction, either domestic or foreign, or any other place or location, or relationships between persons of the same sex which are treated as marriages in any jurisdiction, whether within, or outside the State of Florida, the United States, or any other jurisdiction, either domestic or foreign, or any other place or location, are not recognized for any purpose in this state.

(2) The state, its agencies, and its political subdivisions may not give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any state, territory, possession, or tribe of the United States or of any other jurisdiction, either domestic or foreign, or any other place or location respecting either a marriage or relationship not recognized under subsection (1) or a claim arising from such a marriage or relationship.

(3) For purposes of interpreting any state statute or rule, the term "marriage" means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the term "spouse" applies only to a member of such a union.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval June 5, 1997.

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