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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Offered January 8, 2014

Prefiled November 18, 2013 Proposing the repeal of Section 15-A of Article I of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to marriage.

Patrons-Morrissey, Kory and Simon

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

9 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to
10 each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same
11 hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next
12 general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the
13 provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

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

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

17 Section 15-A. Marriage.

18 That only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by 19 this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions.

20 This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for 21 relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, gualities, significance, or

22 effects of marriage. 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.