

Ballot Initiative Launched, and Amended, to Repeal Prop 8: California Marriage Equality Act

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SACRAMENTO – The California-based Yes! On Equality campaign expanded the California Marriage Equality Act today, underlining how marriage equality in California does not threaten state schools or religious institutions. These provisions were unanimously recommended at the Equality Summit in Los Angeles on the 24th of January. The initiative set forth seeks to ensure passage of a 2010 ballot initiative enabling equal access to marriage for all Californians in accordance with the California State Constitution.

The proposed law reads as follows:

An act to repeal Section 7.5 of Article I of the California Constitution; therefore provisions to be repealed are printed in strike-through text.

Section 1. Title
This measure shall be known, and may cited, as the "California Marriage Equality Act."

Section 2. (a) Section 7.5 of Article I of the California Constitution shall be repealed, stricken, and removed as such:

~~Sec. 7.5 Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California~~

(b) This section is not intended to, and shall not be interpreted to, modify or change the curriculum in any school.

(c) This section is not intended to, and shall not be interpreted to, mandate or require clergy of any church to perform a service or duty incongruent with their faith.

By gathering signatures for the California Marriage Equality Act, Yes! On Equality aims to provide a timely, basic tool to advance equality in California. This campaign seeks to compliment existing grass-roots networks and long-standing community and public-service organizations in California that have struggled to ensure equality for all, and in particular those that have recently fought against Prop 8. The Yes! On Equality website www.yesonequality.com serves as a portal for coalition-building and information for volunteers and everyone interested in marriage equality in California. For more information contact the campaign at media@yesonequality.com, (800) 778-2998 or (916) 273-4930.

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