

## Let the people vote if our marriage laws should be changed!

*Not special interests pushing a social agenda across the country.*

Ninety-five years ago, in 1913, Massachusetts and other states jointly passed statutes to respect each other's differing laws regarding marriage. Massachusetts, for example, allows first cousins to marry; other states do not. Massachusetts has no lower age limit to marry – 13-year-olds can legally get married here with their parents' permission. Other states have decided to have age limits.

Thus, under the "1913 Law" residents of another state cannot get married in Massachusetts if that marriage would be illegal in their home state. It's simple and sensible. It respects the decisions people in other states have made for themselves.

In 2004, after of a ruling by four judges, Massachusetts began performing same-sex "marriages". However, 44 other states made it clear that they did not want same-sex marriage. They passed laws and constitutional amendments prohibiting same-sex marriage – many by large margins.

And because of the "1913 Law" residents of other states could not come to Massachusetts to get same-sex marriages. But if they could, then the US Constitution's "full faith and credit" clause says that "public acts" of one state must be recognized in another state. They could go back home and sue their state to recognize their same-sex marriage.

The gay lobby in Massachusetts announced that they intended to get the "1913 Law" repealed in order to force the "gay marriage" issue into other states. They made it a top priority for 2008. Last spring, though, it got derailed in the Judiciary Committee because of the huge public outcry against repealing it.

But the gay lobby didn't give up. They raised an estimated \$250,000.00 (most of it from out of state) to lobby our Legislature. They spread a phony rumor that the law had "racist" origins. In the closing days of the session (which ended July 31) the repeal suddenly got rushed through both houses. (The Senate passed it with a cowardly voice vote to avoid going on record!) The legislative leaders and even the Governor acknowledged that they were doing this as a favor to the gay lobby.

So now, same-sex marriage court cases will be forced on states all over the country. There will be legal havoc. People in other states are very angry. Our marriage laws were changed to help a small special-interest group push their social agenda across America.

**This petition is to let *the people of Massachusetts* vote on whether the "1913 Law" should or shouldn't be repealed. That's only fair. We hope you will sign this petition to allow the people to vote.**

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