



*North Carolina Department
of the Secretary of State*

The Constitutional Amendments Publication Commission

Public Meeting Notice

Date: March 1, 2012 Time: 3:30 p.m.

**Place: Legislative Auditorium, Third Floor
NC Legislative Building
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601**

Notice is hereby given that the Constitutional Amendments Publication Commission (N.C.G.S. § 147-54.8 et seq.), will meet to prepare an official explanation of the proposed Marriage Amendment (Session Law 2011-409) to the North Carolina Constitution, which will be on the ballot in the upcoming May 8, 2012 election.

The Commission's duty and function is limited to preparing an explanation of the proposed amendment in simple and commonly used language. Therefore, this meeting is not a forum for advocacy in favor of or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Interested persons may attend the meeting, to be held on Thursday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. in the Legislative Auditorium on the third floor of the NC Legislative Building at 16 West Jones Street in Raleigh.

The public is also invited to submit proposed draft language for the explanation to the Commission before the meeting. Draft text must be limited to the explanation of the proposed amendment. All suggested text should be emailed to CAPC@sosnc.com or delivered to the Constitutional Amendments Publication Commission, C/O NC Secretary of State, 2 South Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2903 and must be received by Noon on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

If it should be necessary to continue the meeting to a second day, that meeting will convene on Friday, March 2, at 9 a.m. in the third floor Legislative Auditorium of the NC Legislative Building at 16 West Jones Street in Raleigh.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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For Immediate Release
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**Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State**

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The Commission was created in 1983 and given the standing duty pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 147-54.8, to prepare explanatory language for all proposed constitutional amendments. By law, the language approved by the Commission will not appear on the ballot, but will be made available to the public and the media, and will be available to voters through county boards of election prior to the May election.

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The Commission meeting is open to the public.

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