

## HOUSE BILL No. 2554

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning marriage; repealing the statutory prohibition on  
2 marriages between two persons of the same gender; amending K.S.A.  
3 2013 Supp. 23-2501 and 23-2508 and repealing the existing sections.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2501 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 23-2501. The marriage contract is to be considered in law as a  
8 civil contract between two parties ~~who are of opposite sex. All other~~  
9 ~~marriages are declared to be contrary to the public policy of this state and~~  
10 ~~are void.~~ The consent of the parties is essential. The marriage ceremony  
11 may be regarded either as a civil ceremony or as a religious sacrament, but  
12 the marriage relation shall only be entered into, maintained or abrogated as  
13 provided by law.

14 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2508 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows: 23-2508. All marriages contracted without this state, which would  
16 be valid by the laws of the country in which the same were contracted,  
17 shall be valid in all courts and places in this state. ~~It is the strong public~~  
18 ~~policy of this state only to recognize as valid marriages from other states~~  
19 ~~that are between a man and a woman.~~

20 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 23-2501 and 23-2508 are hereby repealed.

21 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
22 publication in the statute book.