

State Legislation and Ballot Initiatives



- 18 States now have constitutional amendments protecting marriage as solely between a man and a woman.
- 27 other States have statutes to protect traditional marriage.
- 6 States have no statutory or constitutional protection for traditional marriage—Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and Rhode Island.
- 5 States (Alabama, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas) have sent constitutional amendments to voters in 2005 or 2006.
- Another 13 States are considering sending constitutional amendments to voters in the next few years — Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin.
- 6 states — California, New Jersey, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, and Vermont — have adopted some form of domestic partnership or civil union law (without any mandate from courts, except in Vermont).