

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 588  
SENATE BILL 1487

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MARRIAGES RECOGNIZED OUTSIDE OF THIS  
STATE BETWEEN PERSONS OF THE SAME GENDER ARE NOT VALID.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 51 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the  
following new section to read:

**"§ 51-1.2. Marriages between persons of the same gender not valid.**

Marriages, whether created by common law, contracted, or performed outside of  
North Carolina, between individuals of the same gender are not valid in North  
Carolina."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of  
June, 1996.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives