

**Amendment No. 1 to SJR0031**

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**AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 31\***

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By adding the following new paragraph at the end of the amendatory language in the first resolving clause:

The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit, limit or abrogate the right to contract enjoyed by public and private sector entities under this constitution which includes the right to recognize or provide benefits for employees and their partners if such employee has entered into a relationship which is not defined as a marriage under the provisions of this section. Nor shall the provisions of this section be construed to prohibit, limit or abrogate any other lawful agreement between members of the same sex who are in a relationship which is not defined as a marriage under the provisions of this section, including agreements to form a business or professional partnership.