

# Fact Sheet

## Defense of Marriage Amendment to the Indiana State Constitution

11/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Massachusetts' Judges strike down a state law defining marriage as between one man and one woman, opening the door for homosexual marriage.</li></ul>
1/24/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter and the pro-family movement in Indiana call for a "Defense of Marriage Amendment" to the Indiana State Constitution.</li></ul>
1/24/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indiana Governor Joe Kernan (D) publicly opposes the amendment to protect marriage and suggests that sexual orientation should be added to the non-discrimination laws.</li></ul>
1/28/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indiana Speaker of the House Patrick Bauer (D), and Indiana House Rules Committee Chairman Scott Pelath (D) vow to block the vote in the House despite its expected passage.</li></ul>
2-3-04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indiana Senate bill for an amendment passes by a vote of 42-7</li></ul>
2-16-04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pro-family groups run a full page ad in the South Bend Tribune calling on Patrick Bauer to allow a vote.</li></ul>
2/17/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speaker Bauer's switchboard is deluged with calls from concerned citizens.</li></ul>
2/17/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bauer and Pelath still won't allow vote</li></ul>
2/23/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Republicans in the House attempt a "Blast Motion" to bring the Defense of Marriage Amendment to a full House vote bypassing the committee process.</li></ul>
2/23/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bauer refuses to allow the vote.</li></ul>
2/23/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Republicans walk out, stopping all House business unless a vote is taken.</li></ul>
2/23/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bauer calls back Republicans four times and four times they walk out.</li></ul>
2/24/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Indiana Republican House Members' dramatic stand should be backed by calls from concerned citizens, whether Democratic or Republican, to Speaker Patrick Bauer, to allow the "Blast Motion" to get a vote on the Defense of Marriage Amendment before session ends on March 4th.</li></ul>