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Speaker of the House
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Court-tested Indiana law already prohibits gay marriage but House Democrats will vote on constitutional ban, according to Bauer

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana House Democratic Leader B. Patrick Bauer (D-South Bend) released the following statement about the proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages in Indiana:

"If I am elected Speaker of the Indiana House after the November 7 general election, I will allow committee meetings, floor debate and a final vote in that chamber on a constitutional amendment to prohibit gay marriages in Indiana.

"There will be a vote on this matter, even though I believe a constitutional amendment is redundant. Indiana already has the toughest law in the country against gay marriage, which is found at [Indiana Code 31-11-1](#).

"I note that there hasn't been a single gay marriage performed in Indiana. The current state ban against gay marriage also has withstood a court challenge.

"I can understand the franticness of House Republicans who want to divert attention and create false crises. They want the people of Indiana to forget about their sorry record these past two years: close to \$1 billion in property tax increases, selling off public assets to foreign corporations, cutting funding for public education and passing a time change that has caused more confusion than before.

"Their efforts to make this a divisive campaign issue will not succeed. House Democrats will allow the people of Indiana to get the chance to vote on a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. There will be an opportunity to vote on redundancy if we want to repeat in the constitution our law, which has been upheld in the courts in Indiana.

"And in case anyone questions the commitment of Indiana House Democrats to preserve the sanctity of marriage, House Democrats helped write the current language into state law back in 1986, and helped co-author additional language toughening the law in 1997."

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