

Frequently Asked Questions for Pastors

• What is Proposition 102?

Proposition 102 is 20 simple and clear words that define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Prop 102 reads:

"Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state."

Prop 102 is on the November 2008 ballot in Arizona.

• Why do we need Prop 102? After all, isn't marriage already secure in Arizona law?

No. In May, California judges redefined marriage in that state. The Arizona Constitution is the highest law in our state, so amending the constitution is the only way to prevent judges or politicians from tampering with the definition of marriage here. In addition to being merely statutory, the current law is also more limited than Prop 102 because it does not define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

• Who's supporting Prop 102?

Support for Prop 102 reaches across all religious, cultural, and political lines. Arizonans are united in support of defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

• I've heard Prop 102 is about more than marriage. Is that true??

No. This amendment does one thing and one thing alone: simply secures marriage for our children and grandchildren.

• Why is Prop 102 important to religious freedom?

The court decisions in Massachusetts and California redefining marriage mean that virtually every area of ministry is coming under legal attack. Church day cares, faith-based marriage counseling, Christian adoption agencies, religious schools, and Christian professionals are facing a new battleground. The promotion of same-sex relationships is pitted squarely against the biblical understanding of marriage. And without constitutional protection for the timeless definition of marriage, the weight of the law is shifting against the Church.

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