Statewide Marriage Prohibitions

Statewide prohibitions against marriage for same-sex couples are in place in most states – either in the form of statutory law or amendment to the state’s constitution. States that explicitly bar same-sex couples from marriage are as follows.

- **States with constitutional amendments restricting marriage to one man and one woman.** (29 states)

- **States with law restricting marriage to one man and one woman.** (11 states)
  - In addition to those listed above, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

* Broader Consequences: States where the law or amendment has language that does, or may, affect other legal relationships, such as civil unions or domestic partnerships. (18 states): Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

**Maine:** Maine has enacted marriage equality legislation, effective in mid-September 2009. However, this law is may be stayed if opponents of marriage equality gather enough signatures to place a ballot measure before voters.