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[Report No. 108-]

To amend title 28, United States Code, to limit Federal court jurisdiction
over questions under the Defense of Marriage Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2003

Mr. HOSTETTLER (for himself, Mr. PENCE, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GOODE, Mr. AKIN, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY , 2004

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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A BILL

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court jurisdiction over questions under the Defense of
Marriage Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*



1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Marriage Protection
3 Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 99 of title 28, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 1632. Limitation on jurisdiction**

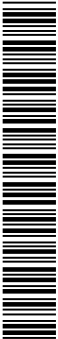
9 “No court created by Act of Congress shall have any
10 jurisdiction, and the Supreme Court shall have no appel-
11 late jurisdiction, to hear or determine any question per-
12 taining to the interpretation of section 1738e of this title
13 or of this section. Neither the Supreme Court nor any
14 court created by Act of Congress shall have any appellate
15 jurisdiction to hear or determine any question pertaining
16 to the interpretation of section 7 of title 1.”.

17 (b) AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The
18 table of sections at the beginning of chapter 99 of title
19 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
20 the following new item:

“1632. Limitation on jurisdiction.”.

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8 the interpretation of, or the validity under the Constitution
9 of, section 1738C or this section.”.

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