

The voters of Connecticut are divided on the issue of same-sex marriage.

But “a divided electorate becomes a decisive one when asked about religious liberty protection.” *

The Connecticut legislature will soon take up Bill 899, which implements same-sex marriage in the state. It contains virtually no religious liberty protection. And that, for a huge majority of the voters of Connecticut, is unacceptable.

Between April 13 and 15, the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion did a survey of 760 registered voters, and the results were clear:

- **78%** are less likely to support the bill if religious schools that refuse to promote a gay or lesbian lifestyle curriculum to children lose their tax-exempt status and are forced to close.
- **75%** are less likely to support the bill if churches and religious organizations face lawsuits if - for religious reasons - they don't allow their facilities or halls to be used for same sex events.
- **72%** are less likely to support the bill if it penalizes public officials who refuse to perform same sex marriages based on religious beliefs.
- **68%** are less likely to support the bill if churches and religious organizations, despite their religious beliefs, risk lawsuits if they don't change their hiring practices to accommodate gays or lesbians even in key religiously sensitive positions.
- **67%** are less likely to support the bill if religious adoption agencies that place children only in homes with a mother and father would be sued and forced to close.

Bill 899 provides virtually NO religious liberty protections. It should be rejected by the legislature. Please tell your legislators that a bill without religious freedom is unacceptable. Go to **ActNowCT.org** and send them a message.

* Source: Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, “Religious Liberty Protection and Same Sex Marriage - Connecticut Voters April 2009,” conducted April 13-15, 2009 by telephone. MOE of +/-4%. Complete results at http://www.kofc.org/un/cmfr/resources/communications/documents/poll_ct_409.pdf