

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1602

By Senator LaTurner

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1 A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of
2 the state of Kansas, relating to senators and representatives.

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4 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of*
5 *the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-*
6 *thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House*
7 *of Representatives concurring therein:*

8 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of
9 the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
10 for their approval or rejection: Section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of
11 the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 "**§ 2. Senators and representatives.** (a) The number of
13 representatives and senators shall be regulated by law, but shall not
14 exceed one hundred twenty-five representatives and forty senators.
15 Representatives and senators shall be elected from single-member
16 districts prescribed by law. Representatives shall be elected for two
17 year terms. Senators shall be elected for four year terms. The terms
18 of representatives and senators shall commence on the second
19 Monday of January of the year following election.

20 (b) (1) *From and after January 12, 2015, no individual shall*
21 *be elected as a representative for more than a total aggregate of*
22 *four two-year terms during the individual's lifetime.*

23 (2) *From and after January 12, 2015, no individual shall be*
24 *elected as a senator for more than a total aggregate two four-year*
25 *terms during the individual's lifetime.*

26 (3) *For the purpose of computing the aggregate time period*
27 *in either paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection, no time served as*
28 *either a senator or representative prior to January 12, 2015, shall*
29 *be counted."*

30 Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with
31 the amendment as a whole:

32 "*Explanatory statement.* This amendment would limit any
33 individual's service as a state representative elected after
34 January 12, 2015, to a total of four two-year terms during the
35 individual's lifetime regardless of when such service occurs.
36 This amendment would limit any individual's service as a

1 state senator elected after January 12, 2015, to a total of two
2 four-year terms during the individual's lifetime regardless of
3 when such service occurs.

4 "A vote for this proposition favors limiting the amount of time
5 that an individual can serve as a member of the house of
6 representatives elected after January 12, 2015, to an
7 aggregate total of four two-year terms during the individual's
8 lifetime and also limiting the amount of time that an
9 individual can serve as a member of the senate elected after
10 January 12, 2015, to an aggregate total of two four-year
11 terms during the individual's lifetime.

12 "A vote against this proposition favors retaining current
13 constitutional provisions relating to the number of senators
14 and legislators' terms. "

15 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
16 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the
17 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of
18 Representatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas
19 and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published
20 as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be
21 submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in in the year
22 2014 unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent
23 resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the
24 electors of the state at the special election.