

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1610

By Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

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1 A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 1 of the constitution of
2 the state of Kansas, relating to the constitutional officers of the
3 executive department of state government.
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5 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of*
6 *the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-*
7 *thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House*
8 *of Representatives concurring therein:*

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

13 "**§ 1. Executive officers; selection; terms.** The constitutional
14 officers of the executive department shall be the governor,
15 lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general, who
16 shall have such qualifications as are provided by law. Such officers
17 shall be chosen by the electors of this state at the time of voting for
18 members of the legislature in the year 1974 and every four years
19 thereafter, and such officers elected in 1974 and thereafter shall
20 have terms of four years which shall begin on the second Monday
21 of January next after their election, and until their successors are
22 elected and qualified. In the year 1974 and thereafter, at all
23 elections of governor and lieutenant governor the candidates for
24 such offices shall be nominated and elected jointly in such manner
25 as is prescribed by law so that a single vote shall be cast for a
26 candidate for governor and a candidate for lieutenant governor
27 running together, and if such candidates are nominated by petition
28 or convention each petition signature and each convention vote
29 shall be made for a candidate for governor and a candidate for
30 lieutenant governor running together. No person may be elected to
31 more than two successive terms as governor, nor to more than two
32 successive terms as lieutenant governor, *nor to more than two*
33 *successive terms as secretary of state, nor to more than two*
34 *successive terms as attorney general."*

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

1 *Explanatory statement.* The purpose of the amendment is to
2 limit the election of the secretary of state and attorney
3 general to two successive terms.

4 "A vote for this proposition would impose the two-term limit
5 upon the holding of such offices.

6 "A vote against this proposition would allow such officers to
7 seek reelection without restriction."

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