House Concurrent Resolution No. 5001

By Representative Corbet

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 1 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to term limits for the offices of secretary of state and attorney general.

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

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

"§ 1. Executive officers; selection; terms. (a) The constitutional officers of the executive department shall be the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general, who shall have such qualifications as are provided by law. Such officers shall be chosen by the electors of this state at the time of voting for members of the legislature in the year 1974 and every four years thereafter, and such officers elected in 1974 and thereafter shall have terms of four years which shall begin on the second Monday of January next after their election, and until their successors are elected and qualified. In the year 1974 and thereafter, at all elections of governor and lieutenant governor the candidates for such offices shall be nominated and elected jointly in such manner as is prescribed by law so that a single vote shall be cast for a candidate for governor and a candidate for lieutenant governor running together, and if such candidates are nominated by petition or convention each petition signature and each convention vote shall be made for a candidate for governor and a candidate for lieutenant governor running together.

(b) No person may be elected to more than two successive terms as:

(1) Governor nor to more than two successive terms as;
(2) lieutenant governor;
(3) secretary of state; and
(4) attorney general."
Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the same term limit of two successive terms that now applies to the offices of governor and lieutenant governor to the offices of secretary of state and attorney general. A vote for this proposition would extend the same term limit to all constitutional officers of the executive branch of state government. A vote against this proposition would continue the status quo of no term limits for the offices of secretary of state and attorney general."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2020 unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.