

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1613

By Committee on Judiciary

1-16

1 A PROPOSITION to amend the bill of rights of the constitution of the  
2 state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto stating that there is no  
3 constitutional right to abortion, and reserving to the people the ability  
4 to regulate abortion through the elected members of the legislature of  
5 the state of Kansas.

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7 WHEREAS, This proposition to amend the bill of rights of the  
8 constitution of the state of Kansas shall be known and may be cited as the  
9 Value Them Both Amendment.

10 Now, therefore:

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

15 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of  
16 the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state  
17 for their approval or rejection: The bill of rights of the constitution of the  
18 state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as  
19 follows:

20 "§ 22. **Regulation of abortion.** Because Kansans value  
21 both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas  
22 does not require government funding of abortion and does not  
23 create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by  
24 the constitution of the United States, the people, through their  
25 elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws  
26 regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, in  
27 circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or  
28 when necessary to save the life of the mother."

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

31 *"Explanatory statement.* The Value Them Both Amendment  
32 would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected  
33 state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion  
34 because there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion or  
35 to require the government funding of abortion.

36 "A vote for the Value Them Both Amendment would reserve to

1           the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators,  
2           the right to pass laws to regulate abortion because there is no  
3           Kansas constitutional right to abortion or to require the  
4           government funding of abortion.

5           "A vote against the Value Them Both Amendment would make  
6           no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas and  
7           could prevent the people, through their elected state  
8           legislators, from regulating abortion in many circumstances.  
9           It would leave in place the newly discovered right to  
10          abortion first recognized in 2019."

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