

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5011

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1 A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of the bill of rights of the
2 constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to the right to abortion.

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4 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the*
5 *members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of*
6 *Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed)*
7 *and qualified to the Senate 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 1 of the bill of rights of the
11 constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 "§ 1. **Equal rights.** All men are possessed of equal and
13 inalienable natural rights, among which are life, liberty, and the
14 pursuit of happiness. *Nothing in this section or any other provision*
15 *of this constitution protects or secures a natural right to abortion."*

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

18 "*Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to
19 clarify that the equal and inalienable natural rights protected
20 under the constitution of the state of Kansas do not include
21 the right to an abortion.

22 "A vote for this proposition would amend the constitution of the
23 state of Kansas to state there is no natural right to abortion.

24 "A vote against this proposition would make no change to the
25 constitution of the state of Kansas regarding protected
26 natural rights."

27 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
28 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and
29 two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
30 Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.
31 The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as
32 provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
33 to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year
34 2024, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent

- 1 resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the
- 2 electors of the state at the special election.