Session of 2025

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5007

By Representative Sawyer Clayton

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A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; lowering the minimum age for qualified electors to vote in elections in this state from 18 to 16 years.

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 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"**§ 1. Qualifications of electors.** Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of ~~eighteen~~ *16* years and who resides in the voting area in which ~~he or she~~ *such person* seeks to vote shall be deemed a qualified elector. Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if ~~his or her~~ *such person's* removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election. A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of ~~his or her~~ *such person's* former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which ~~he or she~~ *such person* seeks to vote, if ~~his~~ *such person's* new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas."

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

"*Explanatory statement.* This amendment would lower the

minimum age to be qualified to vote in elections in this state from 18 to 16 years.

"A vote for this proposition would lower the minimum age to be qualified to vote in elections in this state from 18 to 16 years.

"A vote against this proposition would make no change to the minimum age to be qualified to vote in elections in this state, which is 18 years."

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 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.