Session of 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1609

By Senators Sykes, Corson, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Holscher, Pettey, Schmidt and Ware

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A PROPOSITION to repeal section 12 of article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to membership and nonmembership in labor organizations.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives 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state for their approval or rejection: Section 12 of article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby repealed.

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

"*Explanatory statement.* The constitution of the state of Kansas shall be amended by repealing in its entirety section 12 of article 15, which provides that no person shall be denied employment because of membership or nonmembership in any labor organization. This section is colloquially known as the Kansas "right to work" constitutional provision.

"A vote for this proposition would repeal section 12 of article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas in its entirety.

"A vote against this proposition would leave section 12 of article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas as it currently exists."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, 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.