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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1610

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A PROPOSITION to amend section 4 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas to recognize the right to bear arms as a natural and fundamental right; clarifying that such right includes the possession and use of ammunition, firearm accessories and firearm components; making restrictions on such right subject to strict scrutiny.

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 4 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"**§ 4. Individual right to bear arms; armies.** *(a)* A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose*, and such right includes the possession and use of ammunition, firearm accessories and firearm components*; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and shall not be tolerated, and the military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power.

(b) The right to keep and bear arms is a natural and fundamental right. This right shall not be infringed. Any restriction of such right shall be subject to the strict scrutiny standard."

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

"*Explanatory statement.* This amendment recognizes that the right of the people of Kansas to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed and clarifies that the right includes the possession and use of ammunition, firearm accessories and firearm components. This amendment further recognizes that

the right to keep and bear arms is a natural and fundamental right deserving the highest protection. Any restriction of the right to keep and bear arms shall be subject to the strict scrutiny standard.

"A vote for this proposition would recognize that the right of the people of Kansas to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed and clarify that the right includes the possession and use of ammunition, firearm accessories and firearm components. Such vote would also recognize the right to keep and bear arms as a natural and fundamental right. Any restrictions of such right would be subject to the strict scrutiny standard.

"A vote against this proposition would make no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas with respect to the right to keep and bear arms."

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 a special election, which is hereby called on August 4, 2026, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the primary election held on such date.