

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5003

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12 A PROPOSITION to amend article 15 of the constitution of the state of
13 Kansas by adding a new section thereto, concerning equal rights for
14 men and women.

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16 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the*
17 *members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Repre-*
18 *sentatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and*
19 *qualified to the Senate concurring therein:*

20 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the
21 state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
22 for their approval or rejection: Article 15 of the constitution of the state
23 of Kansas is amended by adding a new section thereto to read as follows:

24 “§ 17. **Equal rights.** Equality of rights under the law shall not
25 be denied or abridged by the state or any of its political or taxing
26 subdivisions on account of sex.”

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

29 “*Explanatory statement.* There is currently no constitutional pro-
30 vision specifically addressing equal rights of men and women.
31 There are laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, hous-
32 ing and wages based on sex.

33 “A vote for this proposition would amend the Kansas constitution
34 to incorporate into it the prohibition of discrimination based on
35 sex. The proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit the
36 state or any of its political or taxing subdivisions from enacting
37 laws discriminating against men or women based on sex.

38 “A vote against this proposition would not amend the constitution,
39 in which case the current laws would remain unchanged but
40 could be amended by future acts of the legislature or its political
41 or taxing subdivisions or modified by judicial interpretation.”

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

1 two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
2 Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.
3 The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as pro-
4 vided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
5 to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the
6 year 2010.