

CHAPTER 174

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1622

A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to qualification of voters.

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

“§ 2. **Disqualification to vote.** The legislature may, by law, exclude persons from voting because of ~~mental illness or~~ commitment to a jail or penal institution. No person convicted of a felony under the laws of any state or of the United States, unless pardoned or restored to his civil rights, shall be qualified to vote.”

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

“*Explanatory statement.* This amendment would repeal the authority of the legislature to exclude persons with mental illness from voting.

“A vote for this amendment would ensure that the right to vote for persons with mental illness cannot be taken away by the legislature.

“A vote against this amendment would continue the current authority of the legislature to take away the right to vote for persons with mental illness.”

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 the year 2010.

Adopted by the House April 30, 2010.

Adopted by the Senate February 16, 2010.
