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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairperson Thompson  
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 13, 2023

Subject: SCR 1607 – Making application to Congress to call a convention of the states pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1607 (SCR 1607) is a concurrent resolution making application to the U.S. Congress to call a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Article V of the U.S. Constitution grants Congress the authority to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Alternatively, Article V directs Congress to call a convention of the states for such purpose if  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the states (34 states) apply to Congress to call such a convention. Any amendments proposed at a convention of the states must then be ratified by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the states (38 states) to become effective.

SCR 1607 calls for a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing amendments that would:

- Place fiscal restraints on the federal government;
- Place limits on the power and jurisdiction of the federal government; and
- Place term limits on federal offices and members of Congress.

Pursuant to Article 2, § 13 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, SCR 1607 must be approved by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of both the Senate and the House of Representatives to become effective.