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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: February 3, 2025

Subject: SCR 1604 – Making application to Congress to call a convention of the states pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of imposing limits on the federal government.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1604 (SCR 1604) 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 to impose limits on the federal government. 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 be ratified by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states (38 states) to become effective.

SCR 1604 calls for a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing amendments to impose fiscal restraints, limits on the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and term limits on members of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Pursuant to Article 2, § 13 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, SCR 1604 must be approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of both the Senate and the House of Representatives to become effective.