

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5017

By Representative Stogsdill

12-12

1 A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of
2 the state of Kansas, relating to members of the senate and house of
3 representatives.
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5 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of*
6 *the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of*
7 *Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed)*
8 *and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:*

9 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of
10 the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
11 for their approval or rejection: Section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of
12 the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 "**§ 2. Senators and representatives.** (a) The number of
14 representatives and senators shall be regulated by law, but shall not
15 exceed ~~one hundred twenty-five~~ 125 representatives and ~~forty~~ 40
16 senators. Representatives and senators shall be elected from single-
17 member districts prescribed by law. Representatives shall be
18 elected for two-year terms. Senators shall be elected for four-year
19 terms. The terms of representatives and senators shall commence
20 on the second Monday of January of the year following election.

21 (b) *Senators elected at the general election held in 2020 from*
22 *odd-numbered districts shall be elected for a two-year term for one*
23 *term only. At the general election in 2022, such senators shall be*
24 *elected for a four-year term and at each succeeding general*
25 *election every fourth year for a four-year term. Senators elected*
26 *from even-numbered districts at the general election in 2020 and*
27 *thereafter shall be elected for a four-year term."*

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

30 "*Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to
31 stagger terms of members of the senate of the legislature.

32 "A vote for this amendment favors staggering the terms of
33 members of the senate of the legislature by extending the
34 terms of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the members of the senate to two years for one
35 term only and thereafter returning such senators to a four-
36 year term.

1 "A vote against this amendment favors retaining current
2 constitutional provisions which do not provide for staggering
3 terms of members of the senate."

4 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
5 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and
6 two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
7 Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.
8 The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as
9 provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
10 to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year
11 2018, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent
12 resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the
13 electors of the state at the special election.