

SESSION OF 2019

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1605**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ethics, Elections and Local Government

Brief*

SCR 1605 submits to the qualified electors of the state an amendment to Article 10, Section 1 of the *Kansas Constitution*, which concerns reapportionment of senatorial and representative districts, to remove the census adjustment for military personnel and students.

The amendment also removes outdated language.

If approved by two-thirds of the members of the House and Senate, the amendment would be submitted to the electors at the general election in November 2019.

Background

Article 10, Section 1 of the *Kansas Constitution* governs the reapportionment of senatorial and representative districts. Under current law, the Office of the Secretary of State (Secretary) is required to adjust census population data for the state to exclude nonresident military personnel stationed within the state and nonresident students attending colleges and universities within the state, and to include military personnel stationed within the state who are residents of the state and students attending colleges or universities within the state who are residents of the state in the district of their permanent residence.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government at the request of the Secretary.

The Secretary was the only proponent and stated the adjustment requirement is burdensome, antiquated, and expensive, with an estimated cost of \$834,000 for the upcoming census. The Secretary further stated Kansas is the only state that continues to adjust census numbers and the change would allow for expedited redistricting.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.