

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1602

By Committee on Judiciary

1-12

1 A PROPOSITION to amend the bill of rights of the constitution of the
2 state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto stating that there is no
3 constitutional right to abortion, and reserving to the people the ability
4 to regulate abortion through the elected members of the legislature of
5 the state of Kansas.

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7 WHEREAS, This proposition to amend the bill of rights of the
8 constitution of the state of Kansas shall be known and may be cited as the
9 Value Them Both Amendment.

10 *Now, therefore:*

11 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the*
12 *members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-*
13 *thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the*
14 *House of Representatives concurring therein:*

15 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of
16 the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
17 for their approval or rejection: The bill of rights of the constitution of the
18 state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as
19 follows:

20 "**§ 22. Regulation of abortion.** Because Kansans value
21 both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas
22 does not require government funding of abortion and does not
23 create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by
24 the constitution of the United States, the people, through their
25 elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws
26 regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that
27 account for circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or
28 incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the
29 mother."

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

32 *"Explanatory statement.* The Value Them Both Amendment
33 would affirm there is no Kansas constitutional right to
34 abortion or to require the government funding of abortion,
35 and would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their
36 elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate

1 abortion, including, but not limited to, in circumstances of
2 pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or when necessary
3 to save the life of the mother.

4 "A vote for the Value Them Both Amendment would affirm
5 there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion or to
6 require the government funding of abortion, and would
7 reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state
8 legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion.

9 "A vote against the Value Them Both Amendment would make
10 no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and
11 could restrict the people, through their elected state
12 legislators, from regulating abortion by leaving in place the
13 recently recognized right to abortion."

14 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
15 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the
16 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of
17 Representatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas
18 and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published
19 as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be
20 submitted to the electors of the state at a special election which is hereby
21 called on August 2, 2022, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of the
22 constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the
23 primary election held on such date.