

SESSION OF 2021

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 5015**

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

Brief*

HCR 5015, as amended, states each state Legislature should have the freedom and flexibility to determine election practices that best meet the needs of their state. The concurrent resolution states the authority to legislate changes to the election process should be left to the states.

The concurrent resolution contains whereas clauses related to the federal For the People Act of 2021, contained in H.R. 1 and S. 1.

The concurrent resolution requires the Secretary of State to send enrolled copies of the resolution to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each member of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives serving Kansas.

Background

The concurrent resolution was introduced by Representative Blake Carpenter.

*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>

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing, Representative Croft and representatives of the Office of the Secretary of State and Americans for Prosperity – Kansas testified as **proponents**, generally stating the need for states to conduct elections according to their own election laws and stating concern for the uniformity in state law that would be mandated by H.R. 1.

A representative of the Family Policy Alliance submitted written-only **proponent** testimony.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee made technical amendments to the concurrent resolution to change references to “The For the People Act of 2021” to “H.R. 1 and S. 1.”

Fiscal Information

Fiscal information for the concurrent resolution was not available when the House Committee took action.

Elections; U.S. Congress; For the People Act of 2021