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House Concurrent Resolution No. 5027

By Committee on Elections

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A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to add a new section establishing an electoral college system for electing the governor and the lieutenant governor whereby each senatorial district would have one vote in the selection.

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

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

"**§ 17. Electoral college for governor and lieutenant governor.** (a) The governor and the lieutenant governor shall be elected by an electoral college consisting of one elector from each state senate district, for a total of 40 electors.

(b) In each state senate district, the candidate pair for governor and lieutenant governor receiving the highest number of votes shall receive such district's elector, who shall be pledged to vote for governor and lieutenant governor.

(c) The candidate pair receiving a majority of the electoral votes which shall be at least 21 votes shall be elected governor and lieutenant governor. If none of the pairs receives a majority, the legislature shall elect the governor and lieutenant governor in a joint session from among the two pairs receiving the highest number of electoral votes. Each member of the legislature having one vote and a majority shall be required to elect the governor and lieutenant governor.

(d) Electors shall be qualified voters of Kansas, residents of their respective senate districts and nominated in advance by political parties or independent candidate pairs in accordance with law. Electors shall meet and cast votes as prescribed by law. Any elector voting contrary to their pledge shall be subject to penalties as provided by law.

(e) The legislature shall enact laws to implement this

section, including procedures for certification, meetings of electors, handling of ties or vacancies and enforcement."

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

"*Explanatory statement.* This amendment would establish an electoral college for the election of governor and lieutenant governor, with one elector allocated for each state senate district to ensure a balanced representation of urban and rural areas.

"A vote for this proposition would establish an electoral college system for electing the governor and lieutenant governor.

"A vote against this proposition would make no change in the current system of electing the governor and the lieutenant governor."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2028, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.