

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1618

By Senator O'Connor

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9 A PROPOSITION to amend section 6 of article 6 of the constitution of
10 the state of Kansas, relating to the financing of education.

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

16 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the
17 state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
18 for their approval or rejection: Section 6 of article 6 of the constitution
19 of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 “§ 6. **Finance.** (a) The legislature may levy a permanent tax for the
21 use and benefit of state institutions of higher education and apportion
22 among and appropriate the same to the several institutions, which levy,
23 apportionment and appropriation shall continue until changed by statute.
24 Further appropriation and other provision for finance of institutions of
25 higher education may be made by the legislature.

26 (b) The legislature shall make suitable provision, *as determined by*
27 *the legislature*, for finance of the educational interests of the state. No
28 tuition shall be charged for attendance at any public school to pupils
29 required by law to attend such school, except such fees or supplemental
30 charges as may be authorized by law. The legislature may authorize the
31 state board of regents to establish tuition, fees and charges at institutions
32 under its supervision.

33 (c) No religious sect or sects shall control any part of the public ed-
34 ucational funds.”

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

37 “*Explanatory statement.* The constitution of this state provides that
38 the legislature is to make suitable provision for financing the
39 educational interests of the state.”

40 “A vote for this proposition would provide that the legislature would
41 not only make suitable provision for finance of the educational
42 interests of the state but would also determine what constitutes
43 ”suitable provision“ for finance of the educational interests of

1 the state.”
2 “A vote against this proposition would continue in effect the re-
3 quirement that the legislature make suitable provision for fi-
4 nance of the education interests of the state but would not spec-
5 ify that the legislature determine what constitutes ”suitable
6 provision“ for finance of educational interests of the state.”
7 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
8 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the
9 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Repre-
10 sentatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and
11 nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as
12 provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
13 to the electors of the state at the general election in the year 2004 unless
14 a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of
15 the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the
16 state at the special election.