

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5018

By Representative Weber

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9 A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of
10 the state of Kansas, relating to senators and representatives.

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 House of Repre-*
13 *sentatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and*
14 *qualified to the Senate concurring therein:*

15 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the
16 state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
17 for their approval or rejection: Section 2 of article 2 of the constitution
18 of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 “§ 2. **Senators and representatives.** (a) The number of representa-
20 tives and senators shall be regulated by law, but shall not exceed ~~one~~
21 ~~hundred twenty-five~~ 125 representatives and ~~forty~~ 41 senators. Rep-
22 resentatives and senators shall be elected from single-member districts
23 prescribed by law. ~~Representatives shall be elected for two-year terms.~~
24 ~~Senators shall be elected for four-year terms.~~ The terms of represen-
25 tatives and senators shall commence on the second Monday of January
26 of the year following election.

27 (b) (1) *At the election of representatives in the year 2008, representa-*
28 *tives elected from even-numbered districts shall be elected for two-year*
29 *terms and representatives elected from odd-numbered districts shall be*
30 *elected for four-year terms. At the election of representatives in the*
31 *year 2010, and thereafter, representatives shall be elected for four-year*
32 *terms.*

33 (2) *At the election of senators in the year 2008: (A) Senators elected*
34 *from district number one and each successive district, the number of*
35 *which is determined by adding three to the number of the preceding*
36 *district, shall be elected for two-year terms; (B) senators elected from*
37 *district number two and each successive district, the number of which*
38 *is determined by adding three to the number of the preceding district,*
39 *shall be elected for four-year terms; and (C) senators elected from dis-*
40 *trict number three and each successive district, the number of which*
41 *is determined by adding three to the number of the preceding district,*
42 *shall be elected for six-year terms. At the election of senators in the*
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1 *year 2010 and thereafter, senators shall be elected for six-year terms.”*
2 Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with
3 the amendment as a whole:
4 *“Explanatory statement.* This amendment would allow the legislature to
5 increase the number of state senators from 40 to 41 and would increase
6 terms of state representatives from two to four years and terms of state
7 senators from four to six years. The amendment would also stagger
8 terms of members of both houses of the legislature.
9 *“A vote for this amendment favors increasing the senate from 40 to 41*
10 *members, increasing terms of state representatives from two to four*
11 *years, increasing terms of state senators from four to six years and*
12 *staggering terms of both state representatives and state senators.*
13 *“A vote against this amendment favors retaining current constitutional*
14 *provisions relating to the number of senators and legislators’ terms.”*
15 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
16 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and
17 two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
18 Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.
19 The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as pro-
20 vided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
21 to the electors of the state at the general election in November 2006.