

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1615

By Senator Journey

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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 school finance.

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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
21 the use and benefit of state institutions of higher education and
22 apportion among and appropriate the same to the several institu-
23 tions, which levy, apportionment and appropriation shall continue
24 until changed by statute. Further appropriation and other provision
25 for finance of institutions of higher education may be made by the
26 legislature.

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

35 (c) No religious sect or sects shall control any part of the public
36 educational funds.”

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

39 “*Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to pro-
40 vide that the financing of educational interests of the state shall
41 be in the manner and amount determined solely by the
42 legislature.

43 “A vote for this amendment would provide that the financing of the

1 educational interests of the state would be solely determined by
2 your representatives and senators in the Kansas legislature.
3 “A vote against this amendment would continue in effect the cur-
4 rent interpretation by the Kansas Supreme court that this pro-
5 vision of the Kansas constitution requires the Kansas legislature
6 to make suitable provision for the finance of the educational
7 system of the state in an amount determined by the court.”

8 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
9 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the
10 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Repre-
11 sentatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and
12 nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as
13 provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
14 to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the
15 year 2006 unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent
16 resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the
17 electors of the state at the special election.