

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5004

By Representative Otto

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9 A PROPOSITION to amend section 13 of article 2 of the constitution
10 of the state of Kansas, relating to the passage of appropriation bills.

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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 House of Repre-*
14 *sentatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and*
15 *qualified to the Senate 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 13 of article 2 of the constitution
19 of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 “§ 13. ~~Majority~~ *Votes required* for passage of bills. A majority
21 of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified of each
22 house, voting in the affirmative, shall be necessary to pass any bill
23 *except that 60% of such members in each house shall be required*
24 *to approve any appropriation bill containing any new item of ap-*
25 *propriation or any item of appropriation for a fiscal year that is*
26 *greater than the amount of the prior year’s appropriation for such*
27 *purpose plus a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the*
28 *consumer price index for all urban consumers, as officially reported*
29 *by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of*
30 *labor, or its sucessor index. Two-thirds (~~2/3~~) of the members then*
31 *elected (or appointed) and qualified in each house, voting in the*
32 *affirmative, shall be necessary to ratify any amendment to the Con-*
33 *stitution of the United States or to make any application for con-*
34 *gress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Con-*
35 *stitution of the United States.”*

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

38 “*Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to re-
39 quire a vote of 60% of the members of the Kansas house of
40 representatives and the Kansas senate in order to pass any ap-
41 propriation bill that contains either a new item of appropriation
42 of money or contains an item of appropriation of money that is
43 greater than the amount of the prior year’s appropriation for such

1 purpose plus the percentage increase in the specified consumer
2 price index.”

3 A vote for this amendment would require a vote of 60% of the
4 members in the Kansas house and senate to pass any appropri-
5 ation bill that contains any new item of appropriation or contains
6 an item of appropriation for a fiscal year that is greater than the
7 amount of the prior year’s appropriation plus the percentage in-
8 crease in the specified consumer price index.

9 “A vote against this amendment would provide no change to the
10 Kansas constitution and would continue the requirement that a
11 majority vote of the members of the house and senate are re-
12 quired for the passage of any bill.”

13 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
14 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and
15 two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
16 Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.
17 The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as pro-
18 vided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
19 to the electors of the state at the general election to be held on November
20 4, 2008.