

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1608

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 A PROPOSITION to amend article 15 of the constitution of the state of  
10 Kansas by adding a new section thereto, concerning equal rights for  
11 men and women.

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

17 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the  
18 state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state  
19 for their approval or rejection: Article 15 of the constitution of the state  
20 of Kansas is amended by adding a new section thereto to read as follows:

21 “§ 17. **Equal rights.** Equality of rights under the law shall not  
22 be denied or abridged by the state or any of its political or taxing  
23 subdivisions on account of sex.”

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

26 “*Explanatory statement.* There is currently no constitutional provision  
27 specifically addressing equal rights of men and women. There are laws  
28 that prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and wages based  
29 on sex.

30 “A vote for this proposition would amend the Kansas constitution to in-  
31 corporate into it the prohibition of discrimination based on sex. The  
32 proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit the state or any of  
33 its political or taxing subdivisions from enacting laws discriminating  
34 against men or women based on sex.

35 “A vote against this proposition would not amend the constitution, in  
36 which case the current laws would remain unchanged but could be  
37 amended by future acts of the legislature or its political or taxing sub-  
38 divisions or modified by judicial interpretation.”

39 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members  
40 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the  
41 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Repre-  
42 sentatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and  
43 nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as

1 provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted  
2 to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the  
3 year 2010.