

SESSION OF 2009

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1611**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SCR 1611 would authorize the submission of a state constitutional amendment to section 4 of the Kansas Bill of Rights that would be considered at the general election in November, 2010. The proposed amendment would insert new language that states:

“A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose.”

Background

Section 4 of the Kansas Bill of Rights in the state constitution currently provides for the following:

“§ 4 . **Bear arms; armies.** The people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and shall not be tolerated, and the military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power.”

SCR 1611 was supported by testimony from Senator Mike Petersen; Senator Tim Huelskamp; Jordan Austin, National Rifle Association of America; Patricia Stoneking, Kansas State

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Rifle Association; Paul Degener, private citizen; and Steve Six, Attorney General, State of Kansas.

There were no opponents who testified against the resolution in the Senate Committee.

No fiscal note was submitted for this resolution.