

# Journal of the House

FIFTEENTH DAY

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HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
TOPEKA, KS, Monday, February 2, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Hawkins in the chair.

The roll was called with 118 members present.

Rep. Bloom was excused on verified illness.

Rep. Schlingensiepen was excused on legislative business.

Reps. Helgerson, Howe, Humphries, Poetter Parshall and Winn were excused on excused absence by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Ruthanna Metzger, The Woods at Wanamaker, Topeka:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the travel mercies that brought all of the people in this room here safely. Your protection and provision over us is so marvelous.

God, you have placed each one of these people here for a reason, and you know the importance of what they do here each and every day. Be with them today as they rely on the wisdom and knowledge you have given them to make such important and impactful decisions on behalf of the state of Kansas, the place that we are so fortunate enough to call home.

Let each person here place their worries at the door and to know that whatever decisions are made today, that everything will work out for the advancement of your Kingdom and the growth of our wonderful nation. I pray that we would find joy in knowing that we have been equipped for such a time as this.

I pray this in the Holy name of Jesus, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Borjon.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced and read by title:

**HB 2609**, AN ACT enacting the supported decision-making agreements act; relating to decision-making assistance for adults; allowing an adult to receive decision-making assistance with the adult's affairs from one or more other adults; providing requirements for decision-making agreements and duties related thereto; including violations of this

act in the crime of mistreatment of a dependent adult or an elder person; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 21-5417 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

#### REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Judiciary: **HB 2608**.

Transportation: **HB 2604, HB 2605, HB 2606, HB 2607**.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

From Steven Johnson, Kansas State Treasurer, 2025 Annual Report of the Kansas State Treasurer's Office.

The complete report is kept on file and open for inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Announcing passage of **Sub SB 66, SB 184, SB 254**.

#### INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate bills were thereupon introduced and read by title:

**Sub SB 66, SB 184, SB 254**.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole, with Rep. Hoheisel in the chair.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Rep. Hoheisel, Committee of the Whole report, as follows, was adopted:

Recommended that **HB 2436** be passed over and retain a place on the calendar.

**HB 2471** be passed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HCR 5022** be amended on page 2, in line 17, by striking "two-thirds" and inserting "a majority"; in line 19, by striking "two-thirds" and inserting "a majority"; and the resolution be adopted as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2412** be passed.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2416** be amended on page 1, in line 17, after "action" by inserting ":

(1)";

Also on page 1, in line 19, after "racetrack" by inserting ";

(2) brought by a surrounding property owner against a racing facility or racetrack that has not conducted a competitive vehicle or motorsport race during the four years immediately preceding the date when such surrounding property owner purchased or

otherwise acquired such surrounding property owner's real property";

On page 2, in line 1, by striking "in the area surrounding" and inserting "within a five-mile radius of"; in line 4, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **HB 2467** be amended on page 6, in line 32, before "if" by inserting "in determining suspended or restricted driving privileges";

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, after "vehicles" by inserting "in determining suspended or restricted driving privileges"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Upon unanimous consent, the House referred back to the regular business, Introduction of Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills and concurrent resolutions were introduced and read by title:

**HB 2610**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to issuance of a warrant or summons when there is probable cause to believe that a defendant has committed a crime; limiting the use of a summons instead of a warrant to misdemeanor crimes; requiring that any bond set on a warrant issued after failure to appear in response to a summons shall not allow release on the defendant's own recognizance; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-2302 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2611**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to release prior to trial; providing limitations and restrictions on releasing a person charged with a crime upon the person's own recognizance; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-2802 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2612**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to sentencing; providing that the supervision term in certain multiple conviction cases will be based on the longest supervision term imposed for any of the crimes; amending K.S.A. 21-6819 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2613**, AN ACT concerning the crime victims compensation board; relating to fees chargeable for conducting examinations of persons who may be victims of sexual assault; authorizing the board to establish such fees and adopt rules and regulations for the administration thereof; authorizing the board to use moneys in the crime victims compensation fund for the payment of such fees; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 65-448, 74-7304 and 74-7317 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2614**, AN ACT concerning the crime victims compensation board; relating to confidentiality of records; providing certain exceptions thereto; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-7308 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 2615**, AN ACT concerning roads and highways; designating a portion of United States highway 75 as the Brig Gen George H Wark memorial highway; redesignating a current portion of the purple heart/combat wounded veterans highway for United States highway 75; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 68-1051 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

**HB 2616**, AN ACT concerning the law enforcement officers memorial advisory committee; relating to the Kansas highway patrol and the Kansas bureau of investigation; providing that the law enforcement officers memorial advisory committee

may receive requests from a law enforcement agency for temporary personnel and other assistance in support of funeral services honoring law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty in the service of the state; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-2251 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Transportation.

**HB 2617**, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; providing that motorcycle license plates shall contain a combination not fewer than six letters or numbers; amending K.S.A. 8-172 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-132 and 8-147 and repealing the existing sections, by Representative Smith, A..

**HB 2618**, AN ACT concerning education; relating to the state board of education; requiring the state board of education to report to the legislature on the federal financial assistance that is accepted, received or distributed by the state board; amending K.S.A. 72-5538 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on K-12 Education Budget.

**HB 2619**, AN ACT concerning sales taxation; relating to exemptions; providing a sales tax exemption for sales of manufactured homes, mobile homes or modular homes and sales of materials and services used by a contractor when constructing or remodeling affordable housing for certain not-for-profit organizations; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3606 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2620**, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits; increasing the eligible credit amount for the earned income tax credit; amending K.S.A. 79-32,205 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Osman, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, Martinez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Oropeza, Ruiz, L., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Wikle, Woodard and Xu.

**HB 2621**, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; providing a property tax exemption for real property owned by certain not-for-profit organizations and used to provide affordable housing; amending K.S.A. 79-201 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Taxation.

**HB 2622**, AN ACT concerning municipal lease-purchase agreements; modifying the protest petition requirements; amending K.S.A. 10-1116c and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Elections.

**HB 2623**, AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; requiring the secretary of commerce and the secretary of wildlife and parks to jointly conduct a feasibility study regarding a potential state purchase of acorns resort and the designation of such location as a state park or the incorporation of such location into the existing Milford state park in Geary county; requiring the secretary of commerce and the secretary of wildlife and parks to submit and present a report on such feasibility study to the legislature and the governor during the 2027 legislative session, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**HB 2624**, AN ACT concerning fire districts; authorizing the disorganization of a county fire district by the board of county commissioners when such district contains no territory; amending K.S.A. 19-3604 and repealing the existing section, by Representative T. Johnson.

**HB 2625**, AN ACT concerning water; relating to rural water districts; requiring rural water districts to award purchases or contracts in excess of \$25,000 through a public letting process; creating exceptions therefor, by Representatives T. Johnson, Buehler and Neelly.

**HB 2626**, AN ACT concerning veterans and military; relating to government employment preference; expanding such preference to include current members of the national guard and such members' eligible spouses; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 73-201 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Veterans and Military.

**HB 2627**, AN ACT concerning veterans and military; relating to permissive preference in private employment; expanding permissive preference to include servicemembers and eligible spouses; amending K.S.A. 73-231 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Veterans and Military.

**HB 2628**, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits; establishing a refundable income tax credit for tuition payments and fees made to postsecondary educational institutions, by Representatives Osman, Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Boatman, Paige, Carlin, Carr, Featherston, Haskins, Martínez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Poskin, Ruiz, S., Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Stogsdill, Vaughn, Woodard and Xu.

**HB 2629**, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to deductions; increasing the amount of the standard deduction; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-32,119 and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Osman, Amyx, Ballard, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Curtis, Featherston, Haskins, McDonald, Meyer, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Poskin, Sawyer, Schlingensiepen, Simmons, Stogsdill, Weigel, Wikle, Woodard and Xu.

**HB 2630**, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to liquor enforcement; providing counties and cities the authority to levy an additional tax for property tax reduction; amending K.S.A. 79-4101 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-4108 and repealing the existing sections, by Representatives Osman, Amyx, Ballard, Paige, Carlin, Featherston, Meyer, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Ruiz, L., Clayton, Wikle and Woodard.

**HB 2631**, AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; increasing the extent of exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-201x and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Osman, Alcalá, Amyx, Ballard, Paige, Carlin, Carmichael, Carr, Curtis, Haskins, Martínez, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Oropeza, Sawyer, Clayton, Schlingensiepen, Stogsdill, Woodard and Xu.

**HB 2632**, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to homestead property tax refund claims; increasing the household income and the appraised value thresholds for eligibility of seniors and disabled veterans; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-4508a and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Osman, Alcalá, Ballard, Paige, Carmichael, Carr, Featherston, Haskins, Martínez, McDonald, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Oropeza, Ruiz, S., Clayton, Schlingensiepen and Woodard.

**HB 2633**, AN ACT concerning the department of wildlife and parks; relating to fees; increasing the service charge fee for each license, permit, stamp or other issue of the department of wildlife and parks to an amount of not to exceed \$2.00 and, in the case of each migratory waterfowl habitat stamp, an amount of not to exceed \$1.00; amending K.S.A. 32-989 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**HB 2634**, AN ACT concerning the Kansas residential landlord tenant act; relating to building and housing codes; creating a default maintenance code to use for rental properties if a city or county has not adopted such a code; amending K.S.A. 58-2553

and repealing the existing section, by Representatives Howell, Howerton, Essex and Tarwater.

**HB 2635**, AN ACT concerning healthcare; enacting the pregnancy center autonomy and rights of expression act; providing statutory protection for private, nonprofit pregnancy centers and medical pregnancy centers to provide life-affirming care, support and material resources; creating a private cause of action for violations of the act; creating a right of intervention in legal proceedings challenging the act, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**HB 2636**, AN ACT concerning energy; relating to certain electric generation and energy storage facilities; establishing requirements for the development, construction, modification, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of industrial wind and solar energy conversion systems and industrial battery energy storage systems; authorizing the board of county commissioners of a county to permit or deny the construction of such industrial energy facilities; establishing a protest petition and election process to contest such county action; providing jurisdiction to the state corporation commission to control and permit the development, construction, modification, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of such facilities; requiring the commission to approve and issue a permit prior to the new construction or expansion of any such facility; requiring owners of existing industrial energy facilities to register with the commission; establishing minimum setback distances for such facilities; requiring the commission to adopt a code of conduct and agricultural mitigation protocols; requiring a facility owner to establish and maintain a decommission plan and provide adequate financial assurance for the decommissioning; authorizing the commission to issue certain orders and impose civil penalties for violations; authorizing the commission to adopt rules and regulations, by Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5023**—

By Representatives Osman, Amyx, Ballard, Paige, Carmichael, Martinez, Melton, Meyer, Mosley, Ohaebosim, Oropeza, Ruiz, L., Sawyer, Clayton, Simmons, Stogsdill, Wikle and Woodard

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to property taxation; providing that property tax exemptions be approved by the electors of the state.

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

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"§ 1. System of taxation; classification; exemption.** ~~(a) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the assessment and taxation of property on and after January 1, 2013, and each year thereafter.~~ Except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, the legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal basis of valuation and rate of taxation of all property subject to taxation. The legislature may provide for

the classification and the taxation uniformly as to class of recreational vehicles and watercraft, as defined by the legislature, or may exempt such class from property taxation and impose taxes upon another basis in lieu thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to the taxation of motor vehicles, except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, mineral products, money, mortgages, notes and other evidence of debt and grain. Property shall be classified into the following classes for the purpose of assessment and assessed at the percentage of value prescribed therefor:

Class 1 shall consist of real property. Real property shall be further classified into seven subclasses. Such property shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

- (1) Real property used for residential purposes including multi-family residential real property and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are located.....11½%
- (2) Land devoted to agricultural use which shall be valued upon the basis of its agricultural income or agricultural productivity pursuant to section 12 of article 11 of the constitution.....30%
- (3) Vacant lots.....12%
- (4) Real property which is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization not subject to federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 of the federal internal revenue code, and which is included in this subclass by law.....12%
- (5) Public utility real property, except railroad real property which shall be assessed at the average rate that all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (6) Real property used for commercial and industrial purposes and buildings and other improvements located upon land devoted to agricultural use.....25%
- (7) All other urban and rural real property not otherwise specifically subclassified 30%

Class 2 shall consist of tangible personal property. Such tangible personal property shall be further classified into six subclasses, shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

- (1) Mobile homes used for residential purposes.....11½%
- (2) Mineral leasehold interests except oil leasehold interests the average daily production from which is five barrels or less, and natural gas leasehold interests the average daily production from which is 100 mcf or less, which shall be assessed at 25% 30%
- (3) Public utility tangible personal property including inventories thereof, except railroad personal property including inventories thereof, which shall be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (4) All categories of motor vehicles not defined and specifically valued and taxed pursuant to law enacted prior to January 1, 1985.....30%
- (5) Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment which, if its economic life is seven years or more, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less seven-year straight-line depreciation, or which, if its economic life is less than seven years, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less straight-line depreciation over its economic life,

except that, the value so obtained for such property, notwithstanding its economic life and as long as such property is being used, shall not be less than 20% of the retail cost when new of such property.....25%

(6) All other tangible personal property not otherwise specifically classified....30%

(b) All property used exclusively for state, county, municipal, literary, educational, scientific, religious, benevolent and charitable purposes, farm machinery and equipment, merchants' and manufacturers' inventories, other than public utility inventories included in subclass (3) of class 2, livestock, and all household goods and personal effects not used for the production of income, shall be exempted from property taxation.

(c) *On and after January 1, 2027, if the legislature provides for the exemption of any property from taxation pursuant to the provisions of this section, such exemption shall be approved by the majority of the electors of the state at the next general election unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature in order for the exemption to apply commencing on the following January 1. The legislature, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members elected to each house, may submit the question "Shall the following property be exempt from taxation in the state of Kansas: \_\_\_\_\_?" or the question "Shall the following property be exempt from taxation for \_\_\_\_\_ number of years in the state of Kansas: \_\_\_\_\_?" to the electors, and the concurrent resolution providing for such question shall specify the property and duration of time for the exemption. The legislature may provide for the removal of a property tax exemption pursuant to law."*

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

*"Explanatory statement.* This amendment would require that for any new property tax exemption that is approved by the legislature on and after January 1, 2027, the electors of the state shall approve the exemption in order for the exemption to go into effect.

"A vote for this proposition would require that for any new property tax exemption to go into effect, such exemption shall be approved by the majority of the electors of the state at the next general election unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature in order for such exemption to go into effect. The legislature, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members elected to each house, may submit to the electors the question of whether the property shall be exempt from taxation or if the property shall be exempt from taxation for a certain number of years. The legislature may also provide for the removal of a property tax exemption pursuant to law.

"A vote against this proposition would provide no change to the Kansas constitution."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted

to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case, the proposed proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5024**—  
By Committee on Taxation

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to property taxation; determining valuations for real property used for residential purposes.

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

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"§ 1. System of taxation; classification; exemption.** (a) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the assessment and taxation of property on and after January 1, ~~2013~~ 2027, and each year thereafter. Except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, the legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal basis of valuation and rate of taxation of all property subject to taxation. The legislature may provide for the classification and the taxation uniformly as to class of recreational vehicles and watercraft, as defined by the legislature, or may exempt such class from property taxation and impose taxes upon another basis in lieu thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to the taxation of motor vehicles, except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, mineral products, money, mortgages, notes and other evidence of debt and grain.

*The taxable valuation of real property used for residential purposes including multi-family residential real property and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are located, classified for property tax purposes pursuant to subclass (1) of class 1, shall be determined based on the sales price for the year in which the property transferred ownership if the transfer was sold at fair market value or valued pursuant to law as fair market value in the year in which the transfer occurred for the current owner.*

Property shall be classified into the following classes for the purpose of assessment and assessed at the percentage of value prescribed therefor:

Class 1 shall consist of real property. Real property shall be further classified into seven subclasses. Such property shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

(1) Real property used for residential purposes including multi-family residential real property and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are

- located.....11½%
- (2) Land devoted to agricultural use which shall be valued upon the basis of its agricultural income or agricultural productivity pursuant to section 12 of article 11 of the constitution.....30%
- (3) Vacant lots.....12%
- (4) Real property which is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization not subject to federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 of the federal internal revenue code, and which is included in this subclass by law.....12%
- (5) Public utility real property, except railroad real property which shall be assessed at the average rate that all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (6) Real property used for commercial and industrial purposes and buildings and other improvements located upon land devoted to agricultural use.....25%
- (7) All other urban and rural real property not otherwise specifically subclassified 30%

Class 2 shall consist of tangible personal property. Such tangible personal property shall be further classified into six subclasses, shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

- (1) Mobile homes used for residential purposes.....11½%
- (2) Mineral leasehold interests except oil leasehold interests the average daily production from which is five barrels or less, and natural gas leasehold interests the average daily production from which is 100 mcf or less, which shall be assessed at 25% 30%
- (3) Public utility tangible personal property including inventories thereof, except railroad personal property including inventories thereof, which shall be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (4) All categories of motor vehicles not defined and specifically valued and taxed pursuant to law enacted prior to January 1, 1985.....30%
- (5) Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment which, if its economic life is seven years or more, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less seven-year straight-line depreciation, or which, if its economic life is less than seven years, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less straight-line depreciation over its economic life, except that, the value so obtained for such property, notwithstanding its economic life and as long as such property is being used, shall not be less than 20% of the retail cost when new of such property .....25%
- (6) All other tangible personal property not otherwise specifically classified.....30%
- (b) All property used exclusively for state, county, municipal, literary, educational, scientific, religious, benevolent and charitable purposes, farm machinery and equipment, merchants' and manufacturers' inventories, other than public utility inventories included in subclass (3) of class 2, livestock, and all household goods and personal effects not used for the production of income, shall be exempted from property taxation."

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

*"Explanatory statement.* This amendment would establish the taxable valuation of real property used for residential purposes based on the sales price for the year in which the property transferred ownership if the transfer was sold

at fair market value or valued pursuant to law as fair market value in the year in which the transfer occurred for the current owner.

"A vote for this proposition would establish the taxable valuation of real property used for residential purposes including multi-family residential real property and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are located, classified for property tax purposes pursuant to subclass (1) of class 1, based on the sales price for the year in which the property transferred ownership if the transfer was sold at fair market value or valued pursuant to law as fair market value in the year in which the transfer occurred for the current owner.

"A vote against this proposition would provide no change to the Kansas constitution."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5025**—

By Representatives Osman, Amyx, Ballard and Woodard

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to assessed valuation of property in determining property taxes for real property used for residential purposes and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes.

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

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"**§ 1. System of taxation; classification; exemption.** (a) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the assessment and taxation of property on and after January 1, ~~2013~~ 2027, and each year thereafter. Except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, the legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal basis of valuation and rate of taxation of all property subject to taxation. The legislature may provide for the classification and the taxation uniformly as to class of recreational vehicles and watercraft, as defined by the legislature, or may exempt such class from property taxation and impose taxes upon another basis in lieu thereof. The provisions of this

subsection shall not be applicable to the taxation of motor vehicles, except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, mineral products, money, mortgages, notes and other evidence of debt and grain. Property shall be classified into the following classes for the purpose of assessment and assessed at the percentage of value prescribed therefor:

Class 1 shall consist of real property. Real property shall be further classified into seven subclasses. Such property shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

- (1) Real property used for residential purposes including multi-family residential real property and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are located.....11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>%
- (2) Land devoted to agricultural use which shall be valued upon the basis of its agricultural income or agricultural productivity pursuant to section 12 of article 11 of the constitution.....30%
- (3) Vacant lots.....12%
- (4) Real property which is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization not subject to federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 of the federal internal revenue code, and which is included in this subclass by law.....12%
- (5) Public utility real property, except railroad real property which shall be assessed at the average rate that all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (6) Real property used for commercial and industrial purposes and buildings and other improvements located upon land devoted to agricultural use.....25%
- (7) All other urban and rural real property not otherwise specifically subclassified 30%

Class 2 shall consist of tangible personal property. Such tangible personal property shall be further classified into six subclasses, shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

- (1) Mobile homes used for residential purposes.....11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>%
- (2) Mineral leasehold interests except oil leasehold interests the average daily production from which is five barrels or less, and natural gas leasehold interests the average daily production from which is 100 mcf or less, which shall be assessed at 25% 30%
- (3) Public utility tangible personal property including inventories thereof, except railroad personal property including inventories thereof, which shall be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (4) All categories of motor vehicles not defined and specifically valued and taxed pursuant to law enacted prior to January 1, 1985.....30%
- (5) Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment which, if its economic life is seven years or more, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less seven-year straight-line depreciation, or which, if its economic life is less than seven years, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less straight-line depreciation over its economic life, except that, the value so obtained for such property, notwithstanding its economic life and as long as such property is being used, shall not be less than 20% of the retail cost

when new of such property.....25%

(6) All other tangible personal property not otherwise specifically classified.....30%

(b) All property used exclusively for state, county, municipal, literary, educational, scientific, religious, benevolent and charitable purposes, farm machinery and equipment, merchants' and manufacturers' inventories, other than public utility inventories included in subclass (3) of class 2, livestock, and all household goods and personal effects not used for the production of income, shall be exempted from property taxation."

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

"*Explanatory statement.* This amendment would decrease the assessed valuation in determining property taxes for real property used for residential purposes.

"A vote for this proposition would decrease the assessed valuation in determining property taxes for real property used for residential purposes from 11½% to 9%.

"A vote against this proposition would continue the assessed valuation of real property used for residential purposes at 11½%."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case, the proposed proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. **HCR 5026**—

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to equal rights.

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

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"**§ 1. Equal rights.** All men *and women* are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are life *from conception*, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

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

*"Explanatory statement.* This amendment would amend and update the constitution of the state of Kansas to clearly guarantee the equal rights of men and women, beginning at conception.

"A vote for this proposition would amend and update the constitution of the state of Kansas to clearly guarantee the equal rights of men and women, beginning at conception.

"A vote against this proposition would make no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS AND HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

### **HOUSE RESOLUTION No. HR 6024—**

By Representatives T. Johnson, Barrett, Bloom, Bohi, Buehler, Butler, Droge, Ellis, Esau, Goddard, Helwig, Hoffman, Humphries, James, McDonald, Melton, Neelly, Poetter, Poskin, Rahjes, Sanders, Schwertfeger, Tarwater, Turk and Wilborn

A RESOLUTION urging the Kansas Turnpike Authority to waive tolls for vehicles displaying Kansas special license plates related to injury, loss of life or valor in active military service.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA), under statutory authority of the State of Kansas, has operated 236 centerline miles of interstate highway, six service areas and 22 interchanges for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature has authority to amend statutes related to the Turnpike and thus modify the structure and operating activities of the Turnpike. These statutes are K.S.A 68-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, Following a multi-year effort completed on July 1, 2024, KTA has collected tolls by utilizing an automated cashless tolling system that either uses a compatible transponder-based tolls or operates through vehicle registration image-based tolls; and

WHEREAS, For the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025, KTA reported a 13.8% toll revenue increase year-over-year, totaling \$162 million, and a net position of assets over liabilities of \$967.8 million. Image-based tolling adjustments comprised \$17.7 million and were written off as uncollectible, comprising a toll revenue loss of 10.9%; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Senate Bill 64 instituted a toll exemption for certain service-connected veterans on November 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, California law AB 2949 instituted a toll exemption for qualifying veterans on toll bridges and toll facilities; and

WHEREAS, Since 2012, Texas has waived tolls for eligible veterans on many toll roads: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we urge*

the Kansas Turnpike Authority to provide a tangible form of respect to those in active military service, who have suffered and made sacrifices while defending our Constitution and our national interests; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas Turnpike Authority should modify its toll collection system to waive tolls for personal vehicles and K-Tag holders displaying special license plates issued under the following Kansas statutes: K.S.A 8-161 (disabled veteran); K.S.A 8-177c (prisoner of war); K.S.A 8-177d (gold star mother); K.S.A 8-1,140 (purple heart); K.S.A 8-1,145 (medal of honor); K.S.A 8-1,156(b) (combat medical badge, combat infantry badge, combat action badge, navy/marine corps combat action ribbon, army distinguished service cross, navy cross, air force cross, distinguished flying cross, army of occupation medal or navy occupation service medal); K.S.A 8-1,166 (families of the fallen); K.S.A 8-1,204 (silver star); and K.S.A 8-1,205 (bronze star); and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Representative Johnson.

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Speaker Hawkins announced the appointment of Rep. Helwig to replace Rep. Howe on Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care on February 2 - 3, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Helwig to replace Rep. Humphries on Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care on, February 4, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Woodard to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on Education on February 2, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Ballard to replace Rep. Helgerson on Committee on Transportation on, February 2, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Ohaebosim to replace Rep. Helgerson on Committee on Taxation on, February 2, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Amyx to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on K-12 Education Budget on, February 2, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. McDonald to replace Rep. Helgerson on Committee on Appropriations on February 3, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. Melton to replace Rep. Helgerson on Committee on Taxation on February 3, 2026.

Also, the appointment of Rep. S. Ruiz to replace Rep. Winn on Committee on Financial Institution and Pensions on February 4, 2026.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Croft to withdraw **HB 2436** from Calendar, under that order of business, General Orders, pursuant to House Rule 2306, the motion prevailed and the Bill was re-referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

On motion of Rep. Croft, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*  
SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk..*