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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairperson Thompson  
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 10, 2025

Subject: HCR 5004 – Proposing an amendment to section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5004 (HCR 5004) amends Section 1 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas to modify the requirements for being a voter in Kansas. The current constitutional language provides, “Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of eighteen years and who resides in the voting area in which he or she seeks to vote shall be deemed a qualified elector.” The proposed amendment would change the language to a negative statement that, “No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person: (1) Is a citizen of the United States; (2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and (3) except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), resides in the voting area in which such person seeks to vote.” The proposed amendment also designates the two residency exceptions as subsections (b) and (c) for purposes of clarity.

The House Committee on Elections amended HCR 5004 to strike language in the explanatory statements referencing the age and residency eligibility requirements. Only the citizenship requirement would appear in the explanatory statements. HCR 5004 was adopted by the House of Representatives on a final action vote of 90-28.

If adopted, HCR 5004 would be placed on the general election ballot in 2026.