

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5026

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of the bill of rights of the  
2 constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to equal rights.  
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4 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the  
5 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of  
6 Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed)  
7 and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:*

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

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

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

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

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

24     *“A vote against this proposition would make no changes to the  
25 constitution of the state of Kansas.”*

26 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members  
27 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and  
28 two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the  
29 Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.  
30 The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as  
31 provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted  
32 to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year  
33 2026.