

SESSION OF 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 5001**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HCR 5001, if adopted by a two-thirds majority of each chamber of the Kansas Legislature, serves as Kansas' application to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the *U.S. Constitution*, for the purpose of calling a convention of the states. The application would state its purpose is to call for a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the *U.S. Constitution* that would impose term limits on members of Congress.

The resolution contains whereas clauses stating the conditions that would require Congress to call a convention of states and setting out legislative findings regarding the role of special interests in elections and how that role would be impacted by term limits.

The resolution also contains whereas clauses stating the State's delegation would be made up equally of individuals elected to state and local offices, or that such delegation would be made up of individuals selected by election in each congressional district, and prohibits past or present federal office holders from being a delegate. Further, the resolution states the State intends to retain the ability to enforce the responsibility and conduct of its delegation as expressed in the resolution.

The resolution requires the Secretary of State to send an enrolled copy of the resolution to the President and Vice

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

President of the United States, the President *Pro Tempore* of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Kansas members of the U.S. House and Senate, the presiding officers of the Kansas legislative chambers, and the presiding officers of each legislative body of each of the states. The resolution further requests that the text of the resolution be printed in the Congressional Record.

Background

The resolution was introduced by Representative Sutton.

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Sutton and a representative of U.S. Term Limits, who stated a term limit Constitutional Amendment could keep members of Congress accountable to their constituencies and allow for a wider variety of candidates to run, ensuring fresh leadership, reducing corruption, and restoring accountability to the people.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of Kansas Campaign for Liberty, who expressed concern with the potential for unintended consequences that could be the result of an Article V convention.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by three private citizens.

No other testimony was provided.

Convention of States; *U.S. Constitution*; Article V; Congress; term limits