House Concurrent Resolution No. 5016

By Representative Hildabrand

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION making application to the congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States with respect to states' rights.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That pursuant to article V of the constitution of the United States, the legislature of the state of Kansas hereby makes application to the congress of the United States for the calling of a constitutional convention for the sole purpose of proposing the following article as an amendment to the constitution of the United States:

"ARTICLE

"Section 1. The states and the citizens thereof have the sole and exclusive authority to regulate directly, and to regulate indirectly through taxes, the following subjects: Education; the time, place and manner of elections; marriage and law relating to the family; firearms, ammunition and their use; land use; the management of wildlife, game and fisheries; health care; and all forms of insurance.

"Sec. 2. Section 1 is not an exclusive list of subjects that the states may regulate. With respect to all other subjects, other than those enumerated in sections 9 and 10 of article I, the states may regulate those subjects. Congress may not exercise its enumerated powers to impliedly preempt or otherwise impliedly displace state laws. The preemption or displacement of such state laws may only occur if an act of congress expressly and unmistakably states its intention to preempt or displace state law."; and

Be it further resolved: That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with article V of the constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the several states shall have made similar applications to the congress of the United States; and

Be it further resolved: That the secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, each member of the Kansas delegation in the United States Congress and to the legislatures of all other states of the United States.