Session of 2020

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1613

By Committee on Judiciary

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1	A PROPOSITION to amend the bill of rights of the constitution of the
2	state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto stating that there is no
3	constitutional right to abortion, and reserving to the people the ability
4	to regulate abortion through the elected members of the legislature of
5	the state of Kansas.
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7	WHEREAS, This proposition to amend the bill of rights of the
8	constitution of the state of Kansas shall be known and may be cited as the
9	Value Them Both Amendment.
10	Now, therefore:
11	Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the
12	members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and
13	two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to
14	the House of Representatives concurring therein:
15	Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the
16	state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for
17	their approval or rejection: The bill of rights of the constitution of the state
18	of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:
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 government funding of abortion.
- 4 "A vote against the Value Them Both Amendment would make
 5 no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas and
 6 could prevent the people, through their elected state
 7 legislators, from regulating abortion in many circumstances.
 8 It would leave in place the newly discovered right to abortion
 9 first recognized in 2019."

10 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the 11 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of 12 13 Representatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as 14 provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted 15 to the electors of the state at the primary election in August in the year 16 2020, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent 17 18 resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election *a special election which is* 19 hereby called on August 4, 2020, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of 20 the constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the 21 22 primary election held on such date}.