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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: February 29, 2024

Subject: SCR 1609 – Making application to Congress to call a convention of the states pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of establishing term limits for members of Congress.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1609 (SCR 1609) is a concurrent resolution making application to the U.S. Congress to call a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to establish term limits for members of Congress. Article V of the U.S. Constitution grants Congress the authority to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Alternatively, Article V directs Congress to call a convention of the states for such purpose if  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the states (34 states) apply to Congress to call such a convention. Any amendments proposed at a convention of the states must then be ratified by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the states (38 states) to become effective.

SCR 1609 calls for a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing an amendment to establish term limits on members of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Pursuant to Article 2, § 13 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, SCR 1609 must be approved by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of both the Senate and the House of Representatives to become effective.