

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1613**

By Committee on Judiciary

1-16

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:

19 "**§ 22. Regulation of abortion.** Because Kansans value  
20 both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas  
21 does not require government funding of abortion and does not  
22 create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by  
23 the constitution of the United States, the people, through their  
24 elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws  
25 regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, in  
26 circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or  
27 when necessary to save the life of the mother."

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

30 "*Explanatory statement.* The Value Them Both Amendment  
31 would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected  
32 state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion  
33 because there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion or  
34 to require the government funding of abortion.

35 "A vote for the Value Them Both Amendment would reserve to  
36 the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators,

1           the right to pass laws to regulate abortion because there is no  
2           Kansas constitutional right to abortion or to require the  
3           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  
11          elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the  
12          members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of  
13          Representatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and  
14          nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as  
15          provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted  
16          to the electors of the state at ~~the primary election in August in the year~~  
17          ~~2020, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent~~  
18          ~~resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the~~  
19          ~~electors of the state at the special election~~ *{a special election which is*  
20          *hereby called on August 4, 2020, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of*  
21          *the constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the*  
22          *primary election held on such date}.*