

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1620

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

3-1

1 A PROPOSITION to amend article 11 of the constitution of the state of  
2 Kansas by adding a new section thereto; requiring a supermajority for  
3 passage of certain bills for new or increased state taxes.

4  
5 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the*  
6 *members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and*  
7 *two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified*  
8 *to the House of Representatives concurring therein:*

9 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of  
10 the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state  
11 for their approval or rejection: Article 11 of the constitution of the state of  
12 Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

13 **"§ 14. Supermajority for passage of certain bills for**  
14 **new or increased state taxes.** (a) On and after July 1, 2023, a  
15 supermajority of two-thirds of the members then elected (or  
16 appointed) and qualified to each house, voting in the  
17 affirmative, shall be necessary to pass any bill enacting or  
18 amending any law creating any new state tax or increasing the  
19 rate of any existing state income tax, sales tax, compensating  
20 use tax or other excise tax, or a tax in the nature of an excise  
21 tax, property tax, or a tax in the nature of a property tax, or  
22 estate or inheritance tax, or a tax in the nature of an estate or  
23 inheritance tax, or any combination thereof.

24 (b) In any case of a conflict between any provision of this  
25 section and any other provision contained in the constitution,  
26 the provisions of this section shall control."

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

29 *"Explanatory statement.* Beginning on July 1, 2023, this  
30 amendment would require a supermajority of two-thirds of  
31 all members of the House of Representatives and Senate to  
32 pass bills to enact or amend any law creating any new state  
33 tax or increasing the rate of existing state income tax, sales  
34 tax, compensating use tax, other excise tax, property tax,  
35 estate or inheritance tax or a tax in the nature of such taxes.

36 "A vote for this proposition would require a supermajority of

1 two-thirds of each house of the legislature to pass bills  
2 enacting or amending laws creating new state taxes or  
3 increasing the rate of existing state taxes.

4 "A vote against this proposition would not make any changes to  
5 the constitution and would continue the present  
6 constitutional authority of the legislature related to vote  
7 requirements for passage of bills."

8 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members  
9 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the  
10 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of  
11 Representatives, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas  
12 and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published  
13 as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be  
14 submitted to the electors of the state at ~~the general election in November~~  
15 ~~in the year 2022, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by~~  
16 ~~concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be~~  
17 ~~submitted to the electors of the state at the special election~~ ***a special***  
18 ***election, which is hereby called on August 2, 2022, pursuant to section***  
19 ***1 of article 14 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in***  
20 ***conjunction with the primary election held on such date.***