

SESSION OF 2024

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1609**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SCR 1609 would call for a national convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

The concurrent resolution would contain whereas clauses related to American representative democracy and the distribution of power.

The concurrent resolution would require the Secretary of State to send enrolled copies of the resolution to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States in the Vice President's capacity as presiding officer of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate, and each Senator and Representative from Kansas in Congress.

Background

The concurrent resolution was introduced by Senator Claeys and 16 other senators.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

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In the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of U.S. Term Limits provided **proponent** testimony. The proponent stated that six other states have passed similar measures and the resolution would demonstrate consensus around the country, which would likely spur Congress to action before a national convention is called.

Opponent testimony was provided by representatives of Kansas Campaign for Liberty and Guard the Constitution. The opponents expressed concerns with the efficacy of term limits and with the historical precedent of a limited national convention extending beyond its express purpose.

No other testimony was provided.

Term limits; Congress; national convention