

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5022

By Representative Miller

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1 A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of
2 the state of Kansas, relating to members of the senate and house of
3 representatives.
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5 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of*
6 *the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of*
7 *Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed)*
8 *and qualified to the Senate 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: Section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of
12 the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 "**§ 2. Senators and representatives.** (a) The number of
14 representatives and senators shall be regulated by law, but shall not
15 exceed ~~one hundred twenty-five~~ 125 representatives and ~~forty~~ 40
16 senators. Representatives and senators shall be elected from single-
17 member districts prescribed by law. Representatives shall be
18 elected for two-year terms. Senators shall be elected for four-year
19 terms. The terms of representatives and senators shall commence
20 on the second Monday of January of the year following election.

21 (b) (1) *On and after January 1, 2022, the number of*
22 *representatives and senators shall be regulated by law, but shall*
23 *not exceed 123 representatives and 41 senators. Senators shall be*
24 *elected from single-member districts prescribed by law.*
25 *Representatives shall be elected from single-member districts with*
26 *three representative districts within each senate district.*

27 (2) *Representatives shall be elected for two-year terms.*

28 (3) *Senators elected at the general election held in 2024 from*
29 *odd-numbered districts shall be elected for a two-year term for one*
30 *term only. At the general election in 2026, such senators shall be*
31 *elected for a four-year term and at each succeeding general*
32 *election every fourth year for a four-year term. Senators elected*
33 *from even-numbered districts at the general election in 2024 and*
34 *thereafter shall be elected for a four-year term."*

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

1 "*Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to
2 reduce the number of representatives to 123 representatives
3 and to increase the number of senators to 41 senators. It will
4 also require that three representatives be elected from each
5 one of three districts created within each senate district. The
6 amendment would also stagger the terms of the members of
7 the senate of the legislature.

8 "A vote in favor of this amendment would reduce the number of
9 representatives to 123 representatives and increase the
10 number of senators to 41. It will also require each senate
11 district to contain three representative districts. Finally, the
12 amendment will stagger the terms of members of the senate.

13 "A vote against this amendment would retain the current
14 constitutional provisions relating to the number and terms of
15 members of the legislature."

16 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
17 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and
18 two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
19 Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.
20 The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as
21 provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted
22 to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year
23 2018, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent
24 resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the
25 electors of the state at the special election.