

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A PROPOSITION to amend article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto, legalizing the recreational use of marijuana.

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

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 17. Recreational use of marijuana. (a) Commencing July 1, 2023, and thereafter, the recreational use of marijuana shall be legal in the state of Kansas.

(b) The legislature shall enact laws to carry out the purposes of this section."

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

"Explanatory statement. The purpose of this amendments is to legalize the recreational use of marijuana commencing July 1, 2023.

"A vote for this proposition would legalize the recreational use of marijuana commencing July 1, 2023, and thereafter. The legislature would be directed to enact laws to provide for the legal use of recreational marijuana.

"A vote against this proposition would make no changes to current law concerning the use of recreational marijuana and would continue the current prohibition and penalties for the recreational use of marijuana as provided by law."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2022, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.