A PROPOSITION to amend article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto, concerning the issuance of decisions by the Kansas supreme court.

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 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 21. Time limit on issuance of supreme court decisions. The supreme court shall issue an opinion or decision in any case that is pending before the court, including any decision on a motion filed with the court, within one year after the final submission of all appellate briefs or the date of oral arguments, if any such arguments are scheduled, whichever occurs later."

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

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would require the Kansas supreme court to issue an opinion or decision, including any decision on a motion filed with the court, within one year after receiving all final arguments in a case or on a motion.

"A vote for this proposition would prohibit the Kansas supreme court from taking more than one year to issue an opinion or decision in a case, including any motion filed with the court, once the court has received all final arguments in the case or on the motion.

"A vote against this proposition would make no changes to the time the Kansas supreme court may take to issue an opinion or decision in a case."

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 2020, 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.