

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1608

By Committee on Judiciary

2-8

1 A PROPOSITION to amend section 3 of the bill of rights of the
2 constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to the right to petition the
3 government for the redress of grievances, including by citizen-
4 initiated grand jury.

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6 WHEREAS, This proposition to amend the bill of rights of the
7 constitution of the state of Kansas shall be known and may be cited as the
8 We The People Amendment.

9 Now, therefore:

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

14 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of
15 the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
16 for their approval or rejection: Section 3 of the bill of rights of the
17 constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 "**§ 3. Right of peaceable assembly; petition.** The people
19 have the right to assemble, in a peaceable manner, to consult for
20 their common good, to instruct their representatives, and to petition
21 the government, or any department thereof, for the redress of
22 grievances, *including by citizen-initiated grand jury.*"

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

25 "*Explanatory statement.* The We The People Amendment would
26 place the right to citizen-initiated grand juries in the bill of
27 rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas with the right
28 to petition the government for the redress of grievances.

29 "A vote for the We The People Amendment would amend the
30 bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas to
31 include citizen-initiated grand juries in the right to petition
32 the government for the redress of grievances.

33 "A vote against the We The People Amendment would not add
34 citizen-initiated grand juries to the bill of rights of the
35 constitution of the state of Kansas and would leave the
36 current law concerning citizen-initiated grand juries in the

1 Kansas statutes."

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