A PROPOSITION to amend article 6 of the constitution of the state of
Kansas by creating a new section limiting the authority to close a
school district or attendance center within a school district to locally
elected boards of education.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of
the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-
thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House
of Representatives 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 6 of the constitution of the state of
Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 11. Closure of school districts or attendance centers.
(a) The locally elected board of a school district shall be the
only government entity that may close a school district or
attendance center within such school district, except as provided
by law.
(b) The executive branch, judicial branch, state board of
education or any constitutional officer of the executive
department shall have no authority to effectuate the closure of a
school district or attendance center within such school district
by limiting, transferring, redirecting or stopping the expenditure
of funds appropriated by law, except as provided by law."

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

"Explanatory statement. The purpose of this amendment is to
clarify that except as provided by law, the locally elected
board of a school district shall be the only government entity
that may close schools and the executive branch, judicial
branch, state board of education or any constitutional officer
of the executive department shall have no authority to
effectuate the closure of a school by limiting, transferring,
redirecting or stopping the expenditure of funds appropriated
by law.

"A vote for this proposition would clarify that except as
provided by law, the locally elected board of a school district
shall be the only government entity that may close schools.
"A vote against this proposition would provide no change to the
Kansas constitution."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the
members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of
Representatives 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 a special election on April 17,
2018, or the next practicable Tuesday following April 17, 2018.