

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5017

By Representative Flaharty

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9 A PROPOSITION to amend article 15 of the constitution of the state of  
10 Kansas by adding a new section thereto, concerning equal rights for  
11 men and women.  
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13 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the*  
14 *members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Repre-*  
15 *sentatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and*  
16 *qualified to the Senate concurring therein:*

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

21 “§ 17. **Equal rights.** Equality of rights under the law shall not  
22 be denied or abridged by the state or any of its political or taxing  
23 subdivisions on account of sex.”

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

26 “*Explanatory statement.* There is currently no constitutional pro-  
27 vision specifically addressing equal rights of men and women.  
28 There are laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, hous-  
29 ing and wages based on sex.

30 “A vote for this proposition would amend the Kansas constitution  
31 to incorporate into it the prohibition of discrimination based on  
32 sex. The proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit the  
33 state or any of its political or taxing subdivisions from enacting  
34 laws discriminating against men or women based on sex.

35 “A vote against this proposition would not amend the constitution,  
36 in which case the current laws would remain unchanged but  
37 could be amended by future acts of the legislature or its political  
38 or taxing subdivisions or modified by judicial interpretation.”

39 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members  
40 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, and  
41 two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the  
42 Senate shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays.  
43 The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as pro-

1 vided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted  
2 to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the  
3 year 2008.