

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1609

By Committee on Commerce

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1 A PROPOSITION to amend article 12 of the constitution of the state of
2 Kansas by adding a new section thereto, concerning economic
3 freedom.
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5 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of*
6 *the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-*
7 *thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House*
8 *of Representatives concurring therein:*

9 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of
10 the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
11 for their approval or rejection: Article 12 of the constitution of the state of
12 Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

13 "§ 7. **Economic freedom amendment; prohibiting**
14 **transfer of ownership interests in entities formed under**
15 **Kansas law to the federal government.** Any transfer to the
16 United States, or any entity controlled by the United States, of
17 any ownership interest in any entity formed pursuant to the laws
18 of this state shall be prohibited, provided, the foregoing
19 prohibition shall not apply to any investments through pension
20 funds operated by the United States or any entity controlled by
21 the United States."

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

24 "*Explanatory statement.* The purpose of this amendment is to
25 prohibit nationalization of Kansas businesses.

26 "A vote for this proposition would prohibit the transfer of any
27 ownership interest in any business or any other entity formed
28 under Kansas law to the federal government, or an entity
29 controlled by the federal government. This prohibition
30 would not apply to investments in pension funds operated by
31 the federal government or by an entity controlled by the
32 federal government.

33 "A vote against this proposition would retain the current status
34 in which the Kansas constitution does not address transfers
35 to the federal government of ownership interests in entities
36 formed under Kansas law."

1 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
2 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the
3 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of
4 Representatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas
5 and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published
6 as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be
7 submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November
8 in the year 2014 unless a special election is called at a sooner date by
9 concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be
10 submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.