

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1610

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1 A PROPOSITION to amend section 4 of the bill of rights of the  
2 constitution of the state of Kansas to recognize the right to bear arms  
3 as a natural and fundamental right; clarifying that such right includes  
4 the possession and use of ammunition, firearm accessories and firearm  
5 components; making restrictions on such right subject to strict  
6 scrutiny.

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

12 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of  
13 the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state  
14 for their approval or rejection: Section 4 of the bill of rights of the  
15 constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **"§ 4. Individual right to bear arms; armies.** (a) A person  
17 has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family,  
18 home and state, for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for  
19 any other lawful purpose, *and such right includes the possession*  
20 *and use of ammunition, firearm accessories and firearm*  
21 *components*; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous  
22 to liberty, and shall not be tolerated, and the military shall be in  
23 strict subordination to the civil power.

24 (b) *The right to keep and bear arms is a natural and*  
25 *fundamental right. This right shall not be infringed. Any restriction*  
26 *of such right shall be subject to the strict scrutiny standard."*

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

29 *"Explanatory statement.* This amendment recognizes that the  
30 right of the people of Kansas to keep and bear arms shall not  
31 be infringed and clarifies that the right includes the  
32 possession and use of ammunition, firearm accessories and  
33 firearm components. This amendment further recognizes that

1 the right to keep and bear arms is a natural and fundamental  
2 right deserving the highest protection. Any restriction of the  
3 right to keep and bear arms shall be subject to the strict  
4 scrutiny standard.

5 "A vote for this proposition would recognize that the right of the  
6 people of Kansas to keep and bear arms shall not be  
7 infringed and clarify that the right includes the possession  
8 and use of ammunition, firearm accessories and firearm  
9 components. Such vote would also recognize the right to  
10 keep and bear arms as a natural and fundamental right. Any  
11 restrictions of such right would be subject to the strict  
12 scrutiny standard.

13 "A vote against this proposition would make no changes to the  
14 constitution of the state of Kansas with respect to the right to  
15 keep and bear arms."

16 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members  
17 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the  
18 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of  
19 Representatives, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas  
20 and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published  
21 as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be  
22 submitted to the electors of the state at a special election, which is hereby  
23 called on August 4, 2026, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of the  
24 constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the  
25 primary election held on such date.