

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

By Senator Kelsey

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to equal rights.

*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: Section 1 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 1. Equal rights.** All men are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Recognizing the authority of the state of Kansas to exercise its police power and its sovereign right to adopt individual liberties in the constitution of the state of Kansas more expansive than those conferred by the constitution of the United States, the state of Kansas shall hereby guarantee the inalienable rights, equal protection and due process of law of every human being from the beginning of the biological development of that human being, including fertilization.

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 expand the class of human beings that currently enjoy inalienable rights, equal protection, and due process of the law under the constitution of the state of Kansas to every human being from the

beginning of the biological development of that human being, including fertilization.

"A vote for this proposition would amend the Kansas constitution to explicitly incorporate into it the inalienable right to life of every human being irrespective of age, race, gender, health, function, condition of dependency, including physical or mental dependency, or method of reproduction, from the beginning of their biological development, including fertilization. The proposed constitutional amendment also would prohibit the state from discriminating against any class of human beings in the application, interpretation and enforcement of its laws.

"A vote against this proposition would not amend the constitution, in which case the current federally mandated legal status of preborn humans would remain that of a class of human beings that can be intentionally killed."

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 the general election in the year 2010.