

# KANSAS EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

## 4 WORDS = 1 STANDARD

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 House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate 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 and women are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are life from conception, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

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

“Explanatory statement. This amendment would amend and update the constitution of the state of Kansas to clearly guarantee the equal rights of men and women, beginning at conception.

A vote for this proposition would amend and update the constitution of the state of Kansas to clearly guarantee the equal rights of men and women, beginning at conception.

A vote against this proposition would make no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas.”

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, 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 November in the year 2026.

**NOTE:** The four underlined words in blue displayed above are the only words being added to the Kansas Constitution by adoption of the proposed amendment.

## KERA: as easy to understand as 1-2-3-4

1. KERA will simply add four words to the Kansas Constitution, updating its language and affirming that all Kansans, regardless of gender or life stage, have legal standing and an inherent right to equal protection under our laws.
2. KERA will allow for a robust debate over important future issues Kansans face in an environment that is open, fair, responsive, and accountable to the voters.
3. KERA will allow policymakers to standardize and bring uniformity to inconsistent laws and court opinions currently impacting issues related to equal rights and human life.
4. KERA will return power to Kansans, acting through their elected representatives, to craft an ethical yet pragmatic policy framework that protects all and maximizes individual liberties.