

**Senate Joint Resolution 2004 - Introduced**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2004  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3126)

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa providing that the people of the state  
3 have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.  
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended  
4 by adding the following new section:

5 **Right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife. SEC. 24A.**

6 1. The citizens of this state have the right to hunt, fish,  
7 and harvest wildlife, including by the use of traditional  
8 methods, subject to reasonable laws enacted by the general  
9 assembly and reasonable rules adopted by the natural resource  
10 commission to promote wildlife conservation and management,  
11 to maintain natural resources held in trust by the state for  
12 public use, and to preserve the future of hunting, fishing, and  
13 harvesting wildlife.

14 2. Public hunting, fishing, and harvesting of wildlife  
15 shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling  
16 wildlife.

17 3. This section shall not be construed to modify any  
18 provision of law relating to eminent domain, trespass, or  
19 property rights.

20 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed  
21 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred  
22 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general  
23 election for members of the general assembly and the secretary  
24 of state is directed to cause it to be published for three  
25 consecutive months before the date of the election as provided  
26 by law.

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#### EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
31 Constitution of the State of Iowa providing that the citizens  
32 of this state have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest  
33 wildlife, using traditional methods, subject to reasonable  
34 laws enacted by the general assembly and reasonable rules  
35 adopted by the natural resource commission to promote wildlife

1 conservation and management, to maintain natural resources  
2 held in trust by the state for public use, and to preserve  
3 the future of hunting, fishing, and harvesting wildlife. The  
4 proposed amendment further states that hunting, fishing, and  
5 harvesting wildlife shall be a preferred means of managing and  
6 controlling wildlife and that the proposed amendment shall not  
7 be construed to modify any provision of law relating to eminent  
8 domain, trespass, or property rights.

9     The proposed amendment, if adopted, would be referred to the  
10 next general assembly for adoption a second time, before being  
11 submitted to the electorate for ratification.