

House Joint Resolution 4 - Introduced

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HOUSE 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, trap, 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, trap, and harvest wildlife. SEC. 24A.**

6 1. The people of this state have the right to hunt, fish,
7 trap, 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 state executive
10 branch that promote wildlife conservation and management,
11 that maintain natural resources in trust for public use, and
12 that preserve the future of hunting, fishing, trapping, and
13 harvesting wildlife.

14 2. Public hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting of
15 wildlife 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, property
19 rights, or water resources.

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 people
32 of this state have the right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest
33 wildlife, using traditional methods, subject to reasonable laws
34 enacted by the general assembly and reasonable rules adopted by
35 the state executive branch that promote wildlife conservation

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

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.