

# House Joint Resolution 13 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HJR 3)

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the right of the people to  
3 keep and bear arms.  
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 keep and bear arms.** Sec. 1A. The right of the  
6 people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The  
7 sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes this right to be  
8 a fundamental individual right. Any and all restrictions of  
9 this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny.

10 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed  
11 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred  
12 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general  
13 election for members of the general assembly, and shall be  
14 published as provided by law for three months previous to the  
15 date of that election.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
20 Constitution of the State of Iowa providing that the right of  
21 the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The  
22 sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes this right to be  
23 a fundamental individual right. Any and all restrictions of  
24 this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny.

25 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the  
26 next general assembly for adoption a second time before being  
27 submitted to the electorate for ratification.