

House Joint Resolution 1 - Introduced

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

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 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 Sec. 24A. **Right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife.**

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 natural resource
10 commission that promote wildlife conservation and management,
11 that maintain natural resources in trust for public use, and that
12 preserve the future of hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting
13 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 election
23 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as
24 provided by law for three months previous to the date of that
25 election.

26 EXPLANATION

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

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

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

8 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
9 referred to the next general assembly (92nd) for adoption, before
10 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.

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