

**House Joint Resolution 7 - Introduced**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HJR 1)

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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 laws enacted by the general assembly and  
9 rules adopted that promote wildlife conservation and management,  
10 that maintain natural resources for public use, and that  
11 preserve the future of hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting  
12 wildlife.

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

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

19 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed  
20 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred  
21 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election  
22 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as  
23 provided by law for three months previous to the date of that  
24 election.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
29 Constitution of the State of Iowa providing that the people  
30 of this state have the right to hunt, fish, trap, and  
31 harvest wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods,  
32 subject to laws enacted by the general assembly and rules  
33 adopted that promote wildlife conservation and management, that  
34 maintain natural resources for public use, and that preserve the  
35 future of hunting, fishing, trapping, and harvesting wildlife.

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

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

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