

Senate Joint Resolution 7 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1132)

SENATE 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 pursuant thereto that promote wildlife conservation
10 and management, that maintain natural resources for public use,
11 and that preserve the future of hunting, fishing, trapping, and
12 harvesting 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 harvest
31 wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods, subject to
32 laws enacted by the general assembly and rules adopted pursuant
33 thereto 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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