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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR
A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, TRAP, AND
HARVEST WILDLIFE.

Subtitle

AMENDING THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO
CREATE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO HUNT,
FISH, TRAP, AND HARVEST WILDLIFE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL
MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
the State of Arkansas, and upon being submitted to the electors of the state
for approval or rejection at the next general election for Senators and
Representatives, if a majority of the electors voting thereon at the election
adopt the amendment, the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution of
the State of Arkansas, to wit:

SECTION 1. (a)(1) Citizens of the state of Arkansas have a right to
hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife.
(2) The right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife shall be
subject only to regulations that promote sound wildlife conservation and
management and are consistent with Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution.

(b) Public hunting, fishing, and trapping shall be a preferred means
of managing and controlling nonthreatened species and citizens may use
traditional methods for harvesting wildlife.

(c) Nothing in this amendment shall be construed to alter, repeal, or
modify:

(1) Any provision of Amendment 35 to the Arkansas Constitution;
(2) Any common law or statute relating to trespass, private
property rights, eminent domain, public ownership of property, or any law
concerning firearms unrelated to hunting; or
(3) The sovereign immunity of the State of Arkansas.

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