

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the Arkansas Constitution.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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Subtitle

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

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

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SECTION 1. (a)(1) Citizens of the state of Arkansas have a right to
31 hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife.

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

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(b) Public hunting, fishing, and trapping shall be a preferred means
36 of managing and controlling nonthreatened species and citizens may use



1 traditional methods for harvesting wildlife.

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

4 (1) Any provision of Amendment 35 to the Arkansas Constitution;

5 (2) Any common law or statute relating to trespass, private
6 property rights, eminent domain, public ownership of property, or any law
7 concerning firearms unrelated to hunting; or

8 (3) The sovereign immunity of the State of Arkansas.

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10 /s/ Faris
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