

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

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5 By: Senators Faris, B. Johnson, G. Baker, Glover, Hendren, Wilkinson, *Altes, Bledsoe, Bookout,*  
6 *Broadway, Bryles, Horn, G. Jeffress, J. Key, T. Smith, J. Taylor, Teague, R. Thompson, Trusty, D. Wyatt*  
7 *By: Representatives Woods, Wells, Barnett, Betts, Breedlove, Carnine, Cook, D. Creekmore, J. Edwards,*  
8 *English, Everett, Garner, George, R. Green, Hall, Kerr, Lea, M. Martin, Pyle, Sample, Summers, Tyler,*  
9 *Williams*

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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

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**Subtitle**

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

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

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

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

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(2) The right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife shall be



1 subject only to regulations that promote sound wildlife conservation and  
2 management and are consistent with Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution.

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

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

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

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

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

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14 /s/ Faris  
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