

**As Introduced**

**136th General Assembly  
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**H. J. R. No. 1**

**Representatives Ferguson, Santucci**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Fischer, Williams, Mathews, T., Gross, Hiner, Miller, K.,  
Claggett, Stewart, Lorenz, Dean, Klopfenstein, McClain, Barhorst, Hall, T., Jones,  
Deeter, Fowler Arthur, Willis, Lear, King, Johnson, Demetriou, Workman, John**

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to enact Section 23 of Article I of the 1  
Constitution of the State of Ohio to establish a 2  
constitutional right to hunt and fish. 3

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 4  
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 5  
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 6  
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 7  
election to be held on November 4, 2025, a proposal to enact 8  
Section 23 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 9  
to read as follows: 10

**ARTICLE I** 11

Section. 23. (A) The right to hunt, fish, and harvest 12  
wildlife is a valued part of Ohio's heritage and shall be 13  
forever preserved for the public good. 14

(B) The people have a right, which includes the right to 15  
use traditional methods, to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife 16

that are traditionally pursued. This right is subject only to 17  
the laws prescribed by the General Assembly and rules prescribed 18  
by virtue of the authority of the General Assembly to do either 19  
of the following: 20

(1) Promote wildlife conservation and management; 21

(2) Preserve the future of hunting and fishing. 22

(C) Hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of 23  
managing and controlling wildlife in this state. 24

(D) This section shall not be construed to limit the 25  
application of any provision of law or of the constitution 26  
relating to trespass or property rights. 27

EFFECTIVE DATE 28

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 29  
proposal, Section 23 of Article I of the Constitution of the 30  
State of Ohio enacted by this proposal shall take effect 31  
immediately. 32