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S. J. R. No. 8

Senator Huffman

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general
election to be held on November 3, 2026, a proposal to enact
Section 23 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio
to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

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

(B) The people have a right, which includes the right to
use traditional methods, to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.
This right is subject only to the laws prescribed by the General
Assembly and rules prescribed by virtue of the authority of the
General Assembly to do either of the following:

<u>(1) Promote wildlife conservation and management;</u>	20
<u>(2) Preserve the future of hunting and fishing.</u>	21
<u>(C) Hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of</u>	22
<u>managing and controlling wildlife in this state.</u>	23
<u>(D) This section shall not be construed to limit the</u>	24
<u>application of any provision of law or of the constitution</u>	25
<u>relating to trespass or property rights.</u>	26
EFFECTIVE DATE	27
If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this	28
proposal, Section 23 of Article I of the Constitution of the	29
State of Ohio enacted by this proposal shall take effect	30
immediately.	31