

By: Senator(s) Watson

To: Constitution; Wildlife,  
Fisheries and Parks

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 577

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI  
2 CONSTITUTION OF 1890 BY RECREATING SECTION 19 TO ESTABLISH HUNTING  
3 AND FISHING AS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF  
5 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the Mississippi  
6 Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the  
7 state:

8 Amend the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by recreating  
9 Section 19 to read as follows:

10 Section 19. The people have the right to hunt, to fish, and  
11 to harvest wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods,  
12 subject to laws and regulations that promote wildlife conservation  
13 and management and that preserve the future of hunting and  
14 fishing. Public hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of  
15 managing and controlling wildlife. This section shall not be  
16 construed to modify any provision of law relating to trespass,  
17 property rights, or the maintenance of levees pursuant to Article  
18 11.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment shall be  
20 submitted to the qualified electors at an election to be held on  
21 the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2012, as  
22 provided by Section 273 of the Constitution and by law.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed  
24 constitutional amendment for the ballot shall read as follows:  
25 "This amendment establishes hunting and fishing as a  
26 constitutional right, subject to applicable laws and regulations  
27 promoting wildlife conservation."

