

By: Representative Busby

To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION
2 12A, MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, TO PROVIDE THAT THE
3 MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS, ACTING
4 THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
5 PARKS, SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THE
6 PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH AND HARVEST WILDLIFE.

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

11 Amend Section 12, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read
12 as follows:

13 "Section 12A. (1) The people have the right to hunt, fish
14 and harvest wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods,
15 subject only to laws and regulations that promote wildlife
16 conservation and management and that preserve the future of
17 hunting and fishing, as the Legislature may prescribe by general
18 law. Public hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of
19 managing and controlling wildlife.



20 (2) The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and
21 Parks, acting through the Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
22 Fisheries and Parks, shall promulgate rules and regulations to
23 ensure the people's right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife.

24 (3) This section may not be construed to modify any
25 provision of law relating to trespass, property rights, the
26 regulation of commercial activities or the maintenance of levees
27 pursuant to Article 11."

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these proposed amendments shall
29 be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors
30 at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first
31 Monday of November 2022, as provided by Section 273 of the
32 Constitution and by general law, with the proposed amendment of
33 this resolution being voted on as one amendment since it pertains
34 to one subject.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
36 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
37 constitutional amendment provides that the Mississippi Commission
38 on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, acting through the Mississippi
39 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, shall promulgate
40 rules and regulations to ensure the people's right to hunt, fish
41 and harvest wildlife."

