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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION G

March 8, 2017, Introduced by Senators HILDENBRAND, PAVLOV, PROOS, NOFS, SHIRKEY, CASPERSON, GREEN, HORN, COLBECK, JONES, HANSEN, CONYERS, MACGREGOR, MARLEAU, ZORN, ROBERTSON, SCHUITMAKER, STAMAS, KOWALL, SCHMIDT, EMMONS, HUNE and MEEKHOF and referred to the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 28 to article I, to recognize a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to recognize a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE I

SEC. 28. THE RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST WILDLIFE IS A VALUED PART OF MICHIGAN'S HERITAGE AND SHALL BE FOREVER PRESERVED FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD. THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT, WHICH INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO USE TRADITIONAL METHODS, TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST

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- 1 WILDLIFE, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE LAWS PRESCRIBED BY THE LEGISLATURE
- 2 AND RULES PRESCRIBED BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE
- 3 TO PROMOTE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVE THE
- 4 FUTURE OF HUNTING AND FISHING. HUNTING AND FISHING IS A PREFERRED
- 5 MEANS OF MANAGING AND CONTROLLING WILDLIFE. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT
- 6 BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE APPLICATION OF ANY PROVISION OF LAW
- 7 RELATING TO TRESPASS OR PROPERTY RIGHTS.
- 8 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
- 9 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
- 10 in the manner provided by law.