

ENGROSSED SENATE  
JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 12

By: Shurden, Campbell, Rabon,  
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the Senate

and

Leist of the House

[ Joint Resolution - vesting the Wildlife Conservation  
Commission and the State Department of Agriculture  
with certain power and authority - providing ballot  
title -

directing filing ]

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
the following proposed amendment to Article II of the Constitution  
of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 35 to read as  
follows:

Section 35. All citizens of this state shall have an inherent  
right to pursue occupations and engage in hunting, fishing and other  
sporting and entertainment events including circuses which involve  
livestock, fowl, fish and other animals, domestic or not, free of  
laws and regulations which explicitly or implicitly effectively  
curtail the ability of citizens to pursue such occupations or engage  
in such sporting and entertainment events. Hunting, trapping,  
fishing and the taking of game and fish are a valued part of our  
heritage and will forever be preserved for the people. The Wildlife  
Conservation Commission and the State Department of Agriculture  
shall be vested with the power and authority to approve methods,  
practices and procedures for hunting, trapping, fishing and the

taking of game and fish. Provided, no method, practice or procedure which is lawful on the effective date of the adoption of this amendment shall ever be disapproved by the Wildlife Conservation Commission or the State Department of Agriculture.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit reasonable regulation of occupations and sporting events which involve livestock, fowl, fish and other animals. Nor shall this section operate to repeal or invalidate any laws, rules or regulations in existence on the effective date of its adoption.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure adds a new section to the State Constitution. It adds Section 35 to Article 2. It gives all people of this state the right to pursue occupations and engage in sporting events that involve animals. Laws and rules which keep people from pursuing occupations and engaging in sporting events involving animals would not be allowed. It allows the Wildlife Conservation Commission and the State Department of Agriculture to approve methods and procedures for hunting, trapping and taking of game and fish. It keeps the Commission or the Department from disapproving any method or procedure that is now the law on the effective date of this amendment. This amendment would not prevent reasonable regulation of occupations and sporting events that involve animals. It would not repeal any existing law.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after passage of this resolution, prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2001.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives