

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION 12

By: Shurden of the Senate

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by adding a new section to Article II to be designated as Section 33; recognizing certain right of the citizens of this state; prohibiting certain construction; vesting the Wildlife Conservation Commission and the State Department of Agriculture with certain power and authority; prohibiting disapproval of certain rule; providing ballot title; and 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 33 to read as follows:

Section 33. All citizens of this state shall have an inherent right to pursue occupations and engage in hunting, fishing and other sporting events 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 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 33 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.

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