

1 anglers, is a valued natural heritage that shall be forever preserved for
2 the people. Hunting, fishing and trapping shall be managed by law and
3 regulation consistent with Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of
4 Louisiana to protect, conserve and replenish the natural resources of the
5 state. The provisions of this Section shall not alter the burden of proof
6 requirements otherwise established by law for any challenge to a law
7 or regulation pertaining to hunting, fishing or trapping the wildlife of
8 the state, including all aquatic life.

9 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
10 submitted to the electors of the state at the gubernatorial primary election to be
11 held on October 4, 2003.

12 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at
13 the election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the
14 state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution
15 of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

16 To guarantee the right of every citizen to hunt, fish and trap,
17 subject to regulation, restriction or prohibition as provided by
18 law. (Adds Article I, Section 27)

The original instrument was prepared by Arthur E. McEnany.
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legislative instrument, was prepared by Michelle Broussard.

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DIGEST

Proposed constitutional amendment preserves the freedom to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife, including all aquatic life, traditionally taken by hunters, trappers and anglers, and further emphasizes that such freedom is a valued natural heritage that shall be forever preserved for the people of Louisiana. Further requires that hunting, fishing, and trapping shall be managed by law and regulated consistent with the Constitution.

Provides that burden of proof of otherwise established by law for any

challenge to a law or regulation pertaining to hunting, fishing, or trapping is not altered by proposed amendment.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the gubernatorial primary election to be held on October, 4, 2003.

(Adds Const. Art. I, Sec. 27)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill.

1. Removes the word "reasonable" as to regulations, restrictions or prohibitions imposed by law.
2. Clarifies that proposed law applies to all aquatic life.
3. Provides for burden of proof for violations.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Establishes the freedom to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife, including all aquatic life is a valued natural heritage.
2. Further establishes that hunting, fishing, and trapping of wildlife, including all aquatic life shall be managed by law and regulated consistent with the Constitution.