

1 HB322  
2 156252-1  
3 By Representatives Tuggle, Williams (D), Butler, Roberts,  
4 Wood, Ball, Harper, Weaver, Sessions, Baughn, Vance, Wallace,  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Constitution of  
9 Alabama of 1901 provides that all persons have the  
10 right to hunt and fish.

11 This bill would propose an amendment to the  
12 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, amending Amendment  
13 597, now appearing as Section 36.02 of the Official  
14 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of  
15 1901, as amended, to clarify that the people have a  
16 right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject  
17 to reasonable regulations that promote conservation  
18 and management of fish and wildlife and preserve  
19 the future of hunting and fishing.

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21 A BILL  
22 TO BE ENTITLED  
23 AN ACT  
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25 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of  
26 Alabama of 1901, amending Amendment 597, now appearing as  
27 Section 36.02 of the Official Recompilation of the

1 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to clarify that  
2 the people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife  
3 subject to reasonable regulations that promote conservation  
4 and management of fish and wildlife and preserve the future of  
5 hunting and fishing.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
8 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and  
9 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a  
10 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in  
11 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution  
12 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

13 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

14 "Amendment 597.

15 "~~(a) All persons shall have the right to hunt and~~  
16 ~~fish in this state in accordance with law and regulations. The~~  
17 people have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife,  
18 including by the use of traditional methods, subject to  
19 reasonable regulations, to promote wildlife conservation and  
20 management, and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing.  
21 Public hunting and fishing shall be the preferred means of  
22 managing and controlling wildlife. This amendment shall not be  
23 construed to modify any provision of law relating to eminent  
24 domain, trespass, or property rights.

25 "(b) This amendment shall be known as the  
26 "Sportsperson's Bill of Rights."

1           Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
2 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the  
3 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284  
4 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
5 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this  
6 state.

7           Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
8 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
9 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
10 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
11 the proposed constitutional amendment:

12                 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
13 Alabama of 1901, to amend Amendment 597, now appearing as  
14 Section 36.02 of the Official Recompilation of the  
15 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to clarify that  
16 the people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife  
17 subject to reasonable regulations that promote conservation  
18 and management of fish and wildlife and preserve the future of  
19 hunting and fishing.

20                 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

21                 This description shall be followed by the following  
22 language:

23                 "Yes ( ) No ( )."