

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT  
TO FOOD**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Marc K. Roberts**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to establish a right relating to growing or acquiring food.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ provide for an individual right of the people to grow food for their own consumption or to acquire farm-produced food.

**Special Clauses:**

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2017, for this proposal.

**Utah Constitution Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**ARTICLE I, SECTION 30**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:*

Section 1. It is proposed to enact Utah Constitution Article I, Section 30, to read:

**Article I, Section 30. [Right to food.]**



28           (1) The individual right of the people to grow food for their own consumption or to  
29 acquire farm-produced food directly at the farm under an agreement with the farmer who  
30 produced it may not be infringed.

31           (2) Nothing in Subsection (1) prevents the Legislature from providing by statute for the  
32 regulation of the production, processing, and distribution of food for retail, restaurant, or  
33 commercial use.

34           Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

35           The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of  
36 the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

37           Section 3. **Contingent effective date.**

38           If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those  
39 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,  
40 2017.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**