

**Representative Casey Snider** proposes the following substitute bill:

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - THE**

**RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Casey Snider**

Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to enact language relating to a right to hunt and fish.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- ▶ enact a provision relating to the individual right of the people to hunt and to fish;

and

- ▶ specify what that right includes and provide limits on the effect of the language

articulating the right.

**Special Clauses:**

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

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2021 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*

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26 of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

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

28 **Article I, Section 30. [Right to hunt and fish.]**

29 (1) The individual right of the people to hunt and to fish is a valued part of the State's  
30 heritage and shall be forever preserved for the public good.

31 (2) The right under Subsection (1) includes the right to use traditional methods to hunt  
32 and to fish, subject only to statute, and rules and regulations adopted as provided by statute, to:

33 (a) promote wildlife conservation and management;

34 (b) provide reasonable regulation of hunting and fishing activities; and

35 (c) preserve the future of hunting and fishing.

36 (3) Public hunting and fishing shall be the preferred means of managing and  
37 controlling wildlife.

38 (4) This section does not affect:

39 (a) the law relating to trespass or property rights; ~~§~~ → ~~or~~ ← ~~§~~

40 (b) the State's sovereign authority over the State's natural resources ~~§~~ → [ ] ; or

40a (c) the State's obligation to manage lands granted to the State under the Enabling  
40b Act. ← ~~§~~

41 Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

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

44 Section 3. **Contingent effective date.**

45 If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those  
46 voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1,  
47 2021.