

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW  
12 MEXICO BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO HUNT AND  
13 FISH.

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15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 2 of the  
17 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

18 "A. The residents of New Mexico have a right to  
19 hunt, fish and harvest wildlife lawfully. Wildlife belongs to  
20 this state and is held in trust for the benefit of the  
21 residents of this state.

22 B. Exclusive authority to enact laws to regulate  
23 the manner, methods or seasons for hunting, fishing and  
24 harvesting wildlife is vested in the legislature, which may  
25 delegate rulemaking authority to the state game commission. No

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underscoring material = new  
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 law shall be enacted and no rule shall be adopted that  
2 unreasonably restricts hunting, fishing and harvesting wildlife  
3 or the use of traditional means and methods. Laws and rules  
4 authorized under this section shall have the purpose of  
5 wildlife conservation and management and preserving the future  
6 of hunting and fishing.

7 C. Lawful public wildlife harvesting and fishing  
8 shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling  
9 wildlife.

10 D. This section shall not be construed to modify  
11 any provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass or  
12 property rights."

13 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
14 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
15 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
16 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
17 purpose.