

RESOLUTION ANALYSIS

S.J.R. 22
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that Texas has a rich and vibrant hunting tradition that has existed for generations. According to some sources, various groups around the country have worked to limit or eliminate hunting in some states, and in response a number of states have adopted some form of constitutional protection for hunting and fishing. S.J.R. 22 seeks to address this issue for Texas.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.J.R. 22 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to establish that the people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods, subject to laws or regulations to conserve and manage wildlife and preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The resolution establishes that hunting and fishing are the preferred methods of managing and controlling wildlife and that the resolution's provisions do not affect any provision of law relating to trespass, property rights, or eminent domain nor the power of the legislature to authorize a municipality to regulate the discharge of weapons in populated areas in the interests of public safety.

ELECTION DATE

The constitutional amendment proposed by this joint resolution will be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.