

1-1 By: Burns, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.J.R. No. 126
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2023;
 1-3 April 20, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 2, 2023, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 2, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
1-9	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-18 proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage
 1-19 in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and
 1-20 wildlife management.

1-21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by
 1-23 adding Section 36 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 36. (a) The people have the right to engage in
 1-25 generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture,
 1-26 or wildlife management practices on real property they own or
 1-27 lease.

1-28 (b) This section does not affect the authority of the
 1-29 legislature to authorize by general law the regulation of generally
 1-30 accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife
 1-31 management practices by:

1-32 (1) a state agency or political subdivision when there
 1-33 is clear and convincing evidence that the law or regulation is
 1-34 necessary to protect the public health and safety from imminent
 1-35 danger;

1-36 (2) a state agency to prevent a danger to animal health
 1-37 or crop production; or

1-38 (3) a state agency or political subdivision to
 1-39 preserve or conserve the natural resources of this state under
 1-40 Section 59, Article XVI, of this constitution.

1-41 (c) This section does not affect the authority of the
 1-42 legislature to authorize by general law the use or acquisition of
 1-43 property for a public use, including the development of the natural
 1-44 resources of this state under Section 59, Article XVI, of this
 1-45 constitution.

1-46 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
 1-47 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
 1-48 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
 1-49 proposition: "The constitutional amendment protecting the right to
 1-50 engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and
 1-51 wildlife management."

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