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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the right to hunt  
2 and fish.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
5 adding Section 33 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 33. (a) Every person has the right to hunt and fish in  
7 this state in accordance with the laws of this state. Hunting and  
8 fishing are the preferred methods of managing wildlife species that  
9 are not classified as threatened species by the state agency  
10 responsible for maintaining the list of endangered or threatened  
11 species.

12 (b) The legislature may enact a general law to define the  
13 term "threatened" with respect to indigenous species of fish or  
14 wildlife.

15 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
16 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.  
17 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
18 proposition: "The constitutional amendment recognizing the right  
19 of a person to hunt and fish in this state, recognizing hunting and  
20 fishing as the preferred methods of managing wildlife species that  
21 are not classified as threatened species, and authorizing the  
22 legislature to enact a general law defining "threatened."