

1 SB340
2 156252-1
3 By Senators Beason, Glover, Allen and Smith (Constitutional
4 Amendment)
5 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry
6 First Read: 11-FEB-14

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Constitution of
9 Alabama of 1901 provides that all persons have the
10 right to hunt and fish.

11 This bill would propose an amendment to the
12 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, amending Amendment
13 597, now appearing as Section 36.02 of the Official
14 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of
15 1901, as amended, to clarify that the people have a
16 right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject
17 to reasonable regulations that promote conservation
18 and management of fish and wildlife and preserve
19 the future of hunting and fishing.

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT
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25 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
26 Alabama of 1901, amending Amendment 597, now appearing as
27 Section 36.02 of the Official Recompilation of the

1 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to clarify that
2 the people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife
3 subject to reasonable regulations that promote conservation
4 and management of fish and wildlife and preserve the future of
5 hunting and fishing.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the
8 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and
9 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a
10 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in
11 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution
12 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

13 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

14 "Amendment 597.

15 "~~(a) All persons shall have the right to hunt and~~
16 ~~fish in this state in accordance with law and regulations. The~~
17 ~~people have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife,~~
18 ~~including by the use of traditional methods, subject to~~
19 ~~reasonable regulations, to promote wildlife conservation and~~
20 ~~management, and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing.~~
21 ~~Public hunting and fishing shall be the preferred means of~~
22 ~~managing and controlling wildlife. This amendment shall not be~~
23 ~~construed to modify any provision of law relating to eminent~~
24 ~~domain, trespass, or property rights.~~

25 "(b) This amendment shall be known as the
26 "Sportsperson's Bill of Rights."

1 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
2 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
3 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
4 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
5 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
6 state.

7 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
8 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
9 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
10 following description of the substance or subject matter of
11 the proposed constitutional amendment:

12 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
13 Alabama of 1901, to amend Amendment 597, now appearing as
14 Section 36.02 of the Official Recompilation of the
15 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to clarify that
16 the people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife
17 subject to reasonable regulations that promote conservation
18 and management of fish and wildlife and preserve the future of
19 hunting and fishing.

20 "Proposed by Act _____."

21 This description shall be followed by the following
22 language:

23 "Yes () No ()."