HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to article I of the Constitution of Missouri, relating to the right to hunt and fish.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next
2 following the first Monday in November, 2018, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 40, to read as follows:

Section 40. That the citizens of this state have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest
2 **wildlife. The control, management, restoration, conservation, and regulation of the bird,**
3 **fish, game, forestry, and all wildlife resources of the state, and the administration of all**
4 **laws pertaining thereto, is vested in a conservation commission as provided in article IV,**
5 **section 40 of the Constitution of Missouri. No law, rule, or regulation shall unreasonably**
6 **restrict hunting, fishing, and harvesting wildlife or the use of traditional devices and**
7 **methods. Laws, rules, and regulations authorized under this section shall have the purpose**
8 **of wildlife conservation and management and preserving the future of hunting and fishing.**
9 **Public hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.**
10 **This section shall not be construed to modify any provision of common law or statutes**
11 **relating to trespass or property rights.**

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EXPLANATION —   Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.