

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2023 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
**Committee on Environment and
Natural Resources**

CS/HJR 1157 — Fishing and Hunting

by Agriculture, Conservation, and Resiliency Subcommittee and Rep. Melo and others

The joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Florida Constitution to preserve hunting, fishing, and the taking of fish and wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods, in perpetuity as a public right. The amendment would make hunting, fishing, and the taking of fish and wildlife the preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. The amendment would not limit the authority of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The joint resolution provides that the following statement will be placed on the ballot:

RIGHT TO FISH AND HUNT.—Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.

The proposed amendment will be submitted to Florida’s electors for approval or rejection at the next general election in November 2024 or at an earlier special election if specifically scheduled by law.

If approved by the voters, this amendment will take effect January 7, 2025.

Vote: Senate 38-1; House 116-0