

ACT No. 927

Regular Session, 2004

SENATE BILL NO. 2

BY SENATORS MCPHERSON, CAIN, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, MALONE, MICHOT, ROMERO, ELLINGTON, HOLLIS, MARIONNEAUX AND SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVES ALARIO, ARNOLD, BADON, BALDONE, BROOME, R. CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CURTIS, DARTEZ, DEWITT, DORSEY, DOVE, DOWNS, ERDEY, FANNIN, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FLAVIN, FRITH, FUTRELL, E. GUILLORY, M. GUILLORY, HAMMETT, HEBERT, HILL, HOPKINS, HUNTER, HUTTER, JEFFERSON, KATZ, KENNARD, KENNEY, LABRUZZO, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LANCASTER, MARCHAND, MCDONALD, MCVEA, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, PIERRE, M. POWELL, T. POWELL, QUEZAIRE, RITCHIE, ROMERO, SALTER, SCALISE, SHEPHERD, GARY SMITH, JACK SMITH, JANE SMITH, JOHN SMITH, ST. GERMAINE, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOWNSEND, TRAHAN, WALKER, WALSWORTH, WHITE, WOOTON AND WRIGHT

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article I, Section 27 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the
3 declaration of rights; to preserve the freedom to hunt, fish, and trap, subject to
4 regulation, restriction, or prohibition imposed pursuant to law; and to specify an
5 election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot
6 proposition.

7 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
8 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for
9 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article I, Section
10 27 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

11 §27. Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap

12 **Article I, Section 27 is all new law.**

13 Section 27. The freedom to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife, including all aquatic
14 life, traditionally taken by hunters, trappers and anglers, is a valued natural heritage
15 that shall be forever preserved for the people. Hunting, fishing and trapping shall be
16 managed by law and regulation consistent with Article IX, Section I of the
17 Constitution of Louisiana to protect, conserve and replenish the natural resources of

1 the state. The provisions of this Section shall not alter the burden of proof
2 requirements otherwise established by law for any challenge to a law or regulation
3 pertaining to hunting, fishing or trapping the wildlife of the state, including all
4 aquatic life. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to authorize the use of
5 private property to hunt, fish, or trap without the consent of the owner of the
6 property.

7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to
8 the electors of the state of Louisiana at the election to be held on November 2, 2004.

9 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
10 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
11 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
12 read as follows:

13 To guarantee the right of every citizen to hunt, fish and trap, subject to
14 regulation, restriction, or prohibition as provided by law. (Adds Article I,
15 Section 27)

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES