
DIGEST

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SB No. 303

Present constitution grants a right to each citizen to keep and bear arms and provides that this right shall not be abridged. Present constitution further provides that this right does not prevent the passage of laws to prohibit the carrying of weapons concealed on the person.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the right of each citizen to keep and bear arms is fundamental and shall not be infringed. Proposed constitutional amendment further provides that any restriction of this right be subject to a standard of strict scrutiny by a court in determining its constitutionality.

Proposed constitutional amendment deletes the provision regarding the passage of laws with respect to concealed weapons.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 6, 2012.

(Amends Const. Art. I, §11)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill.

1. Clarifies proposed constitutional amendment by changing "restriction" to "restriction of this right".
2. Changes language of proposed ballot proposition.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Reinserts existing language "and bear".

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the reengrossed bill.

1. Deleted the proposed law language regarding the right to acquire, possess, transport, carry, transfer, and use arms for defense of life and liberty, and for all other legitimate purposes.
2. Deleted language relative to the denial of the right to keep and bear arms.