

HJR 20 -- FISH, WILDLIFE, AND FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

CO-SPONSORS: Dethrow, Ervin, Whorton, May, Purgason, Cooper (120), Wallace, Myers, Hampton, Schlottach, Self

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 19 to 0.

This proposed constitutional amendment requires a four-sevenths majority for voter approval of initiative proposals relating to fish, wildlife, and forest management. Measures that repeal initiative proposals previously approved by voters are excepted, requiring only a simple majority.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost to General Revenue Fund of \$0 in FY 2004, \$34,850 in FY 2005, and \$0 in FY 2006.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this proposal will protect traditional rights of anglers and hunters and help keep fish, wildlife, and forestry management in the hands of professionals.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Dethrow and Purgason; Conservation Federation of Missouri; Missouri Forest Products Association; Missouri Federation of Animal Owners; Missouri Trappers Association; and Missouri Farm Bureau.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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