- 1 HB322
- 2 156252-2
- 3 By Representatives Tuggle, Williams (D), Butler, Roberts,
- Wood, Ball, Harper, Weaver, Sessions, Baughn, Vance, Wallace,
- Jones, Moore (B), Polizos, Drake, Lee, Hammon, Greer,
- 6 Treadaway, Carns and Merrill (Constitutional Amendment)
- 7 RFD: Agriculture and Forestry
- 8 First Read: 21-JAN-14

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
9	Alabama of 1901, amending Amendment 597, now appearing as
10	Section 36.02 of the Official Recompilation of the
11	Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to clarify that
12	the people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife
13	subject to reasonable regulations that promote conservation
14	and management of fish and wildlife and preserve the future of
15	hunting and fishing.
16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
17	Section 1. The following amendment to the
18	Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and
19	shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a
20	majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in
21	accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution
22	of Alabama of 1901, as amended:
23	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
24	"Amendment 597.
25	"(a) All persons shall have the right to hunt and
26	fish in this state in accordance with law and regulations. The
27	people have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife,

including by the use of traditional methods, subject to
reasonable regulations, to promote wildlife conservation and
management, and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing.

Public hunting and fishing Hunting by the public and fishing
by the public shall be the preferred means of managing and
controlling wildlife. This amendment shall not be construed to
modify any provision of law relating to eminent domain,
trespass, or property rights.

"(b) This amendment shall be known as the "Sportsperson's Bill of Rights.""

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.

Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to amend Amendment 597, now appearing as Section 36.02 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to clarify that the people have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to reasonable regulations that promote conservation

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and management of fish and wildlife and preserve the future of hunting and fishing.

"Proposed by Act _____."

This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes () No ()."
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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Agriculture and Forestry
9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 26-FEB-14
12 13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended
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