



## 1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

February 17, 1995 - Introduced by Senators BRESKE, DECKER, ZIEN, MOEN, ANDREA, A. LASEE, PETAK, BUETTNER and CLAUSING, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, RYBA, BALDUS, DOBYNS, ZIEGELBAUER, TURNER, HARSDORF, BAUMGART, LINTON, GROBSCHMIDT, LEHMAN, OURADA, GUNDERSON, WOOD, ALBERS, GRONEMUS, HANDRICK, OTTE, LORGE, KAUFERT, SERATTI, HASENOHRL and HAHN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

- 1     **To create** section 25 of article I of the constitution; **relating to:** the right to keep and  
2     bear arms (first consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 1995 legislature on first consideration, creates a new section of article I of the state constitution. Article I contains the state constitution's declaration of rights. The new section of article I created by this constitutional amendment declares that: "Every individual, except an individual restricted in accordance with federal law, has the right to keep and bear arms for any lawful purpose including for security or defense, for hunting and for recreational use, but the manner of bearing arms may be regulated as authorized by the legislature by law."

Currently, the state constitution does not guarantee a right to keep and bear arms.

As a constitutional amendment, the proposal requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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3     **Resolved by the senate, the Assembly concurring, That:**

4     **SECTION 1.** Section 25 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

5     [Article I] Section 25. Every individual, except an individual restricted in  
6     accordance with federal law, has the right to keep and bear arms for any lawful  
7     purpose including for security or defense, for hunting and for recreational use, but  
8     the manner of bearing arms may be regulated as authorized by the legislature by law.

