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2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 105

October 30, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE, NASS, STAFSHOLT and WIMBERGER, cosponsored by Representatives GREEN, BEHNKE, CALLAHAN, GOEBEN, B. JACOBSON, KNODL, KREIBICH, MAXEY, PENTERMAN, PIWOWARCZYK, SWEARINGEN and TUCKER. Referred to Committee on Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs.

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the Wisconsin Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation, or any other lawful purpose. This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2025 legislature on first consideration, guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms without qualification. The amendment further provides that the right to keep and bear arms is an inalienable and fundamental individual right that shall never be infringed. Finally, under the amendment, any restriction on the right to keep and bear arms shall be subject to strict scrutiny. Strict scrutiny is a standard of judicial review of government limitations on fundamental rights that generally provides that such a limitation is valid and enforceable only if it is necessary to achieve a compelling state interest, if it is narrowly tailored to its purpose, and if no reasonable less restrictive alternative exists.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:

SECTION 1. Section 25 of article I of the constitution is amended to read:

[Article I] Section 25. The people have the inalienable right to keep and bear arms ~~for security, defense, hunting, recreation, or any other lawful purpose~~, which right shall never be infringed. The right of the people to keep and bear arms is a fundamental individual right, and any restriction on that right shall be subject to strict scrutiny.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three months previous to the time of holding such election.

(END)