

State of Wisconsin



1997 Assembly Joint Resolution 11

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Whereas, the 1995 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution (1995 Assembly Joint Resolution 53, which became 1995 Enrolled Joint Resolution 27) and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the 2 houses, which amendment reads as follows:

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

[Article I] Section 25. The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new section. The new section "25" of article I of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated by the next higher open whole section number in that article if, prior to or simultaneously with the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a "section 25" of article I of the constitution of this state. If several joint resolutions simultaneously create a section 25 of article I, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequence and the numbering.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 1997 legislature; and, be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the general election to be held in November 1998; and, be it further

Resolved, That the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: “*Right to keep and bear arms.*” Shall section 25 of article I of the constitution be created to declare that the people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose?”

Senator Brian D. Rude
President of the Senate

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Charles R. Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk