

## **Constitutional Right to Hunt; HCR 5008**

**HCR 5008** proposes a state constitutional amendment for consideration at the next general election, in November 2016. That amendment, if approved by a majority of Kansas voters, would establish a constitutional right to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife in the state.

The amendment would add a new section to the Bill of Rights in the *Kansas Constitution* to create the constitutional right of the public to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife. The amendment would specify the people have the right to hunt, fish, and trap by traditional methods, subject to reasonable laws and regulations that promote wildlife conservation and management and that preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The amendment also would specify that hunting and fishing shall be the preferred means for managing and controlling wildlife, and the amendment would not be construed to modify any provision of law relating to trespass, property rights, or water resources.