

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to provide for the submission to the voters of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of*
3 *Virginia by adding in Article XI a section numbered 4, relating to the right of the people to hunt,*
4 *fish, and harvest game.*

5 [H 787]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 1. § 1. It shall be the duty of the officers conducting the election directed by law to be held on the
9 Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2000, at the places appointed for holding the same, to open
10 a poll and take the sense of the qualified voters upon the ratification or rejection of the proposed
11 amendment to the Constitution of Virginia, contained herein and in the joint resolution proposing such
12 amendment, to wit:

13 Amend the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article XI a section numbered 4 as follows:

14 ARTICLE XI.

15 CONSERVATION.

16 *Section 4. Right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest game.*

17 *The people have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest game, subject to such regulations and restrictions*
18 *as the General Assembly may prescribe by general law.*

19 § 2. The ballot shall contain the following question:

20 "Question: Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended by adding a provision concerning the right
21 of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest game?"

22 The ballots shall be prepared, distributed and voted, and the results of the election shall be
23 ascertained and certified, in the manner prescribed by § 24.2-684 of the Code of Virginia. The State
24 Board of Elections shall comply with § 30-19.9 of the Code and shall cause to be sent to the electoral
25 boards of each county and city sufficient copies of the full text of the amendment and question
26 contained herein for the officers of election to post in each polling place on election day.

27 The electoral board of each county and city shall make out, certify and forward an abstract of the
28 votes cast for and against such proposed amendment in the manner now prescribed by law in relation to
29 votes cast in general elections.

30 The State Board of Elections shall open and canvass such abstracts and examine and report the
31 whole number of votes cast at the election for and against such amendment in the manner now
32 prescribed by law in relation to votes cast in general elections. The State Board of Elections shall record
33 a certified copy of such report in its office and without delay make out and transmit to the Governor an
34 official copy of such report, certified by it. The Governor shall, without delay, make proclamation of the
35 result, stating therein the aggregate vote for and against the amendment.

36 If a majority of those voting vote in favor of the amendment, it shall become effective on January 1,
37 2001.

38 The expenses incurred in conducting this election shall be defrayed as in the case of election of
39 members of the General Assembly.

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