

HJR 17 -- Freedom in Agriculture Act

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Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment establishes the Freedom in Agriculture Act which guarantees the right of Missouri citizens to grow crops, hunt and fish wildlife, and raise animals in a humane manner without the state imposing an undue economic burden on animal owners. No law regulating the growing of crops, the right to hunt and fish wildlife, and the welfare of any animal can be valid unless based on generally accepted scientific principles and enacted by the General Assembly or established by a state department or agency through an administrative rule and reviewed by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

If any provision of the act is found by a court to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions will remain valid.