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BALLOT TITLE

Criminalizes injuring/ killing animals, including killing for food, hunting, fishing; criminalizes most breeding practices. Exceptions

Result of “Yes” Vote: “Yes” vote criminalizes injuring/ killing animals, including farming, ranching, hunting, fishing, trapping, pest control, research/ teaching. Exceptions for veterinary practices, self-defense. Criminalizes most breeding practices.

Result of “No” Vote: “No” vote retains current law allowing injury/death in various circumstances, including for purposes of farming for food, hunting, fishing, trapping, pest control, animal research.

Summary: Under current law, many activities that do or may kill or injure animals are lawful, including animal husbandry practices; slaughtering livestock and poultry; animal breeding practices; fishing, hunting, and trapping; wildlife management practices; rodeos; scientific and agricultural research and teaching; control of vermin and nuisance animals; reasonable handling, training techniques. Proposed measure would make those practices, and other common practices involving animals, criminal offenses if injury/ death occurs. Criminalizes animal breeding practices for domestic, livestock, and equine animals that involve touching the mouth, anus, or sexual organs of the animal. Exception for “good veterinary practices” (undefined), self-defense. Applies to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish. Elimination of hunting/ fishing licenses would remove funding from wildlife conservation efforts by Department of Fish and Wildlife. Other provisions.

