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## BALLOT TITLE

Criminalizes breeding practices, injuring/killing animals, including for food, hunting, fishing. Creates transition fund. Exceptions

**Result of “Yes” Vote:** “Yes” vote criminalizes injuring/killing animals, including for agriculture, hunting, fishing, trapping, pest control, research/teaching; criminalizes some breeding practices. Provides exceptions. Creates transition fund.

**Result of “No” Vote:** “No” vote retains current laws allowing farming, ranching for food, hunting, fishing, trapping, pest control, animal research, common animal husbandry practices, and accepted veterinary practices.

**Summary:** Under current law, 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 or agricultural research/teaching; control of vermin/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 breeding practices for domestic, livestock, and equine animals; exception for “good veterinary practices” and self-defense. Applies to mammals (including vermin), birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish. Eliminates hunting and fishing licenses, which would remove funding from wildlife management. Directs state money to fund for animal welfare, food assistance, job training for persons who lose livelihood due to initiative’s enactment. Other provisions.