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Rough Fish

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SECTION 1. That it shall be lawful to gig rough fish in the streams of Trousdale County, Tennessee, and the season in connection with the gigging of said rough fish is hereby declared open.

SECTION 2. That "rough fish" as contemplated by this Act, is hereby defined as being the following fish, to wit, carp, buffalo and high fin suckers.

SECTION 3. That the gigging of rough fish, as authorized under the provisions of this Act, shall only be allowed by any person except when said person shall be wading in the stream or gigging the said fish from the bank of the stream, it being expressly prohibited to gig any of such "rough fish" from any boat or canoe. In addition thereto, all persons who shall gig fish under the provisions of this Act shall have a valid fishing license issued by the State of Tennessee.

SECTION 4. That any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), for the first offense, and upon conviction for more than one offense said person shall be fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 5. That the provisions of this Act shall become effective from and after its passage, provided the same shall be approved by a majority of the voters voting in a special election to be held for such purpose. Within sixty days (60) after the approval of this Act by the Governor, it shall be the duty of the Trousdale County Board of Election Commissioners to call a special election to be held in said County and said election shall be held not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days from the date of such call for the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this Act. The ballots used in such election shall have printed thereon the provisions of this Act and the voters shall vote for or against its adoption. The vote cast at such election shall be canvassed by the County Board of Election Commissioners on the first Monday occurring five (5) or more days after the date of such election and the results thereof shall be proclaimed by such election commission and certified to the Secretary of State, at Nashville. The qualification of the voters voting in said election shall be the same as now required of voters casting their ballot for members of the General Assembly and all laws applicable to general elections shall apply to the election to be held hereunder, the public welfare requiring it.

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