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H.J.R. No. 126

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage
2 in farming, ranching, timber production, and wildlife management.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by
5 adding Section 36 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 36. (a) The people have the right to engage in
7 generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, or wildlife
8 management practices on real property they own or lease.

9 (b) This section does not affect the authority of the
10 legislature to authorize by general law:

11 (1) a state agency or political subdivision to
12 regulate where there is clear and convincing evidence that the law
13 or regulation is necessary to protect the public health and safety
14 from imminent danger; or

15 (2) a state agency to regulate to prevent a danger to
16 animal health or crop production.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
19 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment protecting the right to
21 engage in farming, ranching, timber production, and wildlife
22 management."