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H.J.R. No. 142

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to a  
2 clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

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. CLEAN, HEALTHY, AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT. (a)  
7 The public, individually and collectively, has the right to a  
8 clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, including access to  
9 clean air, clean water, and an environment generally favorable to  
10 each person's well-being.

11 (b) The legislature shall enact laws to combat climate  
12 change and improve this state's resilience to climate change by  
13 systematically reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

14 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
15 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
16 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
17 proposition: "The constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right  
18 to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment."