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H.J.R. No. 121

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to life  
2 of unborn children and prohibiting abortion to the fullest extent  
3 possible and to be known as the "Life at Conception provision of the  
4 Texas Constitution's Bill of Rights".

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 19, Article I, Texas Constitution, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 19. DEPRIVATION OF LIFE, LIBERTY, ETC.; DUE COURSE OF  
9 LAW. (a) No citizen of this State shall be deprived of life,  
10 liberty, property, privileges or immunities, or in any manner  
11 disfranchised, except by the due course of the law of the land.

12 (b) The term "citizen of this State" includes each member  
13 of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the  
14 moment of fertilization, or other moment at which an individual  
15 member of the human species comes into being.

16 (c) The right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is  
17 vested in each human being, born and unborn. Nothing in this Article  
18 shall be construed to require the prosecution of any woman for the  
19 death of her unborn child, a prohibition on in vitro fertilization,  
20 or a prohibition on use of birth control or another means of  
21 preventing fertilization.

22 (d) To the fullest extent possible, abortion is prohibited  
23 in this State.

24 (e) Subsections (c) or (d) do not prohibit a person from

1 receiving an abortion if:

2 (1) the case is a medical emergency as defined by  
3 Section 171.002, Health and Safety Code; or

4 (2) the pregnancy was induced by cause or product of  
5 rape or incest.

6 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
7 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.  
8 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the  
9 following proposition: "The constitutional amendment guaranteeing  
10 the right to life from the moment of conception and, to the fullest  
11 extent possible, prohibiting abortion."