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H.J.R. No. 123

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.

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

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

7 Sec. 19. (a) No citizen of this State shall be deprived of  
8 life, liberty, property, privileges or immunities, or in any manner  
9 disfranchised, except by the due course of law of the land.

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

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

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

22 Section 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
23 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.  
24 The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the

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1 proposition: "The constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right  
2 to life from the moment of conception and, to the fullest extent  
3 possible, prohibiting abortion."