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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.

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

SECTION 1.  Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 35 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.  (a) A resident of a nursing facility, assisted living facility, or state supported living center, as those terms are defined by general law, has the right to designate at least one essential caregiver with whom the facility or center may not prohibit in-person visitation.

(b)  The legislature by general law may provide for guidelines for a facility or center described by Subsection (a) of this section to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

SECTION 2.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."