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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a right for hospital patients 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 36 to read as follows:

Sec. 36.  (a)  A patient of a hospital, as those terms are defined by general law, has the right to designate at least one essential caregiver with whom the hospital may not prohibit in-person visitation.

(b)  The legislature by general law may provide for guidelines for a hospital 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 hospital patients to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."