

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

8 Sec. 35. (a) A resident of a nursing facility, assisted
9 living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an
10 intellectual disability, residence providing home and
11 community-based services, or state supported living center, as
12 those terms are defined by general law, has the right to designate
13 an essential caregiver with whom the facility, residence, or center
14 may not prohibit in-person visitation.

15 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, the
16 legislature by general law may provide guidelines for a facility,
17 residence, or center described by Subsection (a) of this section to
18 follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and
19 procedures.

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

1 caregiver for in-person visitation."

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 19 was adopted by the Senate on March 17, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.J.R. No. 19 was adopted by the House, with amendment, on May 24, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 1, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Received:

Date

Secretary of State