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S.J.R. No. 48

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a right for
3 hospital patients to designate an essential caregiver for in-person
4 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 36 to read as follows:

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

12 (b) The legislature by general law may provide for
13 guidelines for a hospital described by Subsection (a) of this
14 section to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation
15 policies and procedures.

16 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
18 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
19 proposition: " The constitutional amendment establishing a right
20 for hospital patients to designate an essential caregiver for
21 in-person visitation."