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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

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.  CLEAN, HEALTHY, AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT. (a) The public, individually and collectively, has the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, including access to clean air, clean water, and an environment generally favorable to each person's well-being.

(b)  The legislature shall enact laws to combat climate change and improve this state's resilience to climate change by systematically reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

SECTION 2.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment."