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By:  Thompson of Harris H.J.R. No. 166

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment allowing recovery of exemplary damages by a person's estate for a homicide.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 26, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26.  Every person, corporation, or company, that may commit a homicide, through wilful act, or omission, or gross neglect, shall be responsible, in exemplary damages, to the surviving husband, widow, heirs of the deceased person's [~~his or her~~] body, [~~or~~] such of them as there may be, or the deceased person's estate without regard to any criminal proceeding that may or may not be had in relation to the homicide.

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 permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment allowing recovery of exemplary damages by a person's estate for a homicide."