88R840 JG-F

By:  Eckhardt, et al. S.J.R. No. 21

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment establishing an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy.

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.  Each individual residing in this state has the right to personal reproductive autonomy, and this state recognizes that right as central to the individual's liberty and dignity to determine the individual's own life course. This state may not restrict or prohibit the exercise of that right unless the restriction or prohibition is justified by a compelling state interest that is achieved using the least restrictive means available.

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 establishing an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy."