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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the fundamental right of parents to raise their children.

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.  FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF PARENTS TO RAISE CHILDREN. (a) The liberty of a parent to direct the upbringing of the parent's child is a fundamental right. This right includes the right to direct the care, custody, control, education, moral and religious training, and medical care of the child.

(b)  The state or a political subdivision of this state shall not interfere with the rights of a parent described by subsection (a) unless the interference is:

(1)  essential to further a compelling governmental interest; and

(2)  narrowly tailored to accomplish that compelling governmental interest.

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 establishing the rights of parents to direct the upbringing of their children."