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H.J.R. No. 58

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

4 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
5 adding Section 36 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 36. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF PARENTS TO RAISE CHILDREN. (a)  
7 The liberty of a parent to direct the upbringing of the parent's  
8 child is a fundamental right. This right includes the right to  
9 direct the care, custody, control, education, moral and religious  
10 training, and medical care of the child.

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

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

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

18 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
19 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
20 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
21 proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing the rights  
22 of parents to direct the upbringing of their children."