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H.J.R. No. 166

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

13 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
14 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
15 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
16 proposition: "The constitutional amendment allowing recovery of  
17 exemplary damages by parents or a person's estate for a homicide."