

By: Harris of Anderson

H.J.R. No. 182

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment regarding public free schools
2 and prohibiting certain state regulation regarding private
3 educational settings.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1, Article VII, Texas Constitution, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1. (a) A general diffusion of knowledge being
8 essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the
9 people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to
10 establish, ensure public oversight of, and make suitable provision
11 for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public
12 free schools.

13 (b) Each child of school age who resides in this state is
14 entitled to access, with the consent of the child's parent, a public
15 free school.

16 (c) The state may not:

17 (1) abridge the right of a parent to place the parent's
18 child in an educational setting of the parent's choice outside of
19 the public free schools; or

20 (2) regulate the provision of education in an
21 educational setting for which the state does not provide support or
22 maintenance.

23 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.

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1 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment regarding public free
3 schools and prohibiting certain state regulation regarding private
4 educational settings."