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A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment establishing an individual's
- 2 right to personal reproductive autonomy.
- 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 38 to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 38. Each individual residing in this state has the
- 7 right to personal reproductive autonomy, and this state recognizes
- 8 that right as central to the individual's liberty and dignity to
- 9 determine the individual's own life course. This state may not
- 10 restrict or prohibit the exercise of that right unless the
- 11 restriction or prohibition is justified by a compelling state
- 12 interest that is achieved using the least restrictive means
- 13 available.
- 14 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 15 submitted to the voters at an election to be held May 2, 2026. The
- 16 ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the
- 17 proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing an
- 18 individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy."