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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

7 Sec. 36. (a) A parent has the inherent right to exercise
8 care, custody, and control of the parent's child and to make
9 decisions for the upbringing of the parent's child, including but
10 not limited to decisions regarding the education, moral and
11 religious training, and health care of the child.

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

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

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

19 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
20 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
21 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing parents
23 as the primary decision-makers for their children."