

1-1 By: Hughes, Paxton S.J.R. No. 34  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 13, 2025; February 7, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 5, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X			
1-9	Paxton	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	Middleton	X			
1-15	Parker	X			
1-16	Perry	X			
1-17	Schwertner	X			
1-18	Zaffirini	X			

1-19 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-20 proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the right of  
1-21 parents to raise their children.

1-22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
1-24 adding Section 37 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 37. (a) A parent has the inherent right to exercise  
1-26 care, custody, and control of the parent's child and to make  
1-27 decisions for the upbringing of the parent's child.

1-28 (b) The state or a political subdivision of this state shall  
1-29 not interfere with the rights of a parent described by Subsection  
1-30 (a) of this section unless the interference is:

1-31 (1) essential to further a compelling governmental  
1-32 interest; and

1-33 (2) narrowly tailored to accomplish that compelling  
1-34 governmental interest.

1-35 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
1-36 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.  
1-37 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
1-38 proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing parents as  
1-39 the primary decision-makers for their children."

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