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Senate Joint Resolution No. ____

A joint resolution proposing an amendment creating Section 18 of Article X of the State Constitution, to prohibit partial birth abortions.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment creating Section 18 of Article X of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 18. Partial-birth abortion prohibited.--A physician may not knowingly perform a partial-birth abortion unless it is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, or injury and no other medical procedure would suffice to save her life. As used in this section, the term "partial-birth abortion" means a termination of pregnancy in which the physician performing the termination of pregnancy partially vaginally delivers a living fetus before killing the fetus and completing the delivery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE X, SECTION 18

1 PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION PROHIBITED.--Proposing an
2 amendment to the State Constitution which prohibits a
3 physician from performing a partial-birth abortion unless it
4 is necessary to save the life of the mother.
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