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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 23 of Article I of the State Constitution to limit the application of the right of privacy and other constitutional provisions with respect to minors as an impediment to the participation of parents or legal guardians in the decisions of such minors and governmental action to advance or secure such parental rights.

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

That the amendment to Section 23 of Article I of the State Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to be held in November 2004:

ARTICLE I

BASIC RIGHTS

SECTION 23. Right of privacy.--Every natural person has the right to be let alone and free from governmental intrusion into the person's private life except as otherwise provided herein. This section shall not be construed to limit the public's right of access to public records and meetings as provided by law. Neither this section nor any other provision of the Constitution of Florida shall be construed to limit the right or authority of parents or legal guardians to participate in decisions concerning the conduct, medical care, health, safety, or welfare of minor children or to limit the authority of the government to advance or secure such right or authority of parents or legal guardians.



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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title and substance of the
31 amendment proposed herein shall appear on the ballot as follows:

32 RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS TO
33 PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS OF MINORS

34 Proposes an amendment to Section 23 of Article I of the
35 State Constitution to limit the application of the right of
36 privacy and other constitutional provisions with respect to
37 minors. Provides that the Florida Constitution shall not be
38 interpreted to limit the right or authority of parents or legal
39 guardians to participate in decisions of minors with respect to
40 conduct, medical care, health, safety, and welfare. Authorizes
41 the government to take actions to advance or secure such
42 parental rights. The adoption of this amendment would override
43 the decisions of the Florida Supreme Court which ruled that laws
44 providing for parental involvement in abortion decisions of
45 minors were unconstitutional.