

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NN

January 23, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Stahl, Sheen, Steil, Moore, Gaffney, Hune, Sheltroun, Rick Jones, Elsenheimer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Pearce, Garfield, Brandenburg, LaJoy, David Law, Knollenberg, Casperson, Meekhof, Meltzer, Nitz, Agema, Acciavatti, Palmer, Marleau, Rocca, Accavitti, Booher, Opsommer, Caul, Young, Farrah, Green, Hildenbrand, Ward, DeRoche, Mayes, Dean, Calley, Moolenaar, Spade, Schuitmaker, Caswell, Robertson, Pavlov, LeBlanc, Kathleen Law, Hansen, Huizenga, Amos, Emmons, Palsrok, Walker, Espinoza, Gonzales, Wenke, Polidori, Scott, Brown, Leland, McDowell, Wojno, Hammon, Shaffer, Hopgood, Lahti, Coulouris, Jackson, Pastor, Nofs, Horn, Proos, Angerer, Johnson, Lemmons, Ball, Cushingberry, Constan, Clemente and Moss and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 27 to article I, to declare the fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to direct the care, upbringing, and education of their children.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to declare the fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to direct the care, upbringing, and education of their children, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE I

SEC. 27. PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS HAVE A NATURAL AND

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1 **FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO DIRECT THE CARE, EDUCATION, AND UPBRINGING OF**
2 **THEIR CHILDREN. NO GOVERNMENT ACTION SHALL BURDEN, ABRIDGE, OR**
3 **HINDER THIS NATURAL, FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT UNLESS IT IS IN FURTHERANCE**
4 **OF A COMPELLING GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST AND IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE**
5 **MEANS OF FURTHERING THAT COMPELLING GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST.**

6 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
7 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
8 in the manner provided by law.