

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO  
12 TO CREATE A PARENTAL RIGHT TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION  
13 AND CARE OF A PARENT'S CHILDREN AND TO CHOOSE THE TYPE OF  
14 SCHOOL THE CHILDREN ATTEND.

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16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 2 of the  
18 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

19 "A. Parents have the right to direct the  
20 upbringing, education and care of their children.

21 B. The parental right to direct education includes  
22 the right to choose, as an alternative to public education,  
23 private, religious or home schools and the right to make  
24 reasonable choices within public schools for the parent's  
25 child.

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C. The parental rights guaranteed by this section shall not be denied or abridged on account of disability.

D. This section shall not be construed to apply to a parental action or decision that would end life."

SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.