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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire joint resolution and insert:

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution to prohibit depriving a person of any right because of mental disability, as defined by general law.

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

That the amendment to Section 2 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

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 2. Basic rights.--All natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property; except that the



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29 | ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real
30 | property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated
31 | or prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right
32 | because of race, religion, national origin, or physical or
33 | mental disability, as the term "mental disability" may be
34 | defined by general law.

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

37 | BASIC RIGHTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

38 | Proposes an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the
39 | State Constitution to prohibit depriving a person of any right
40 | because of mental disability, as the term "mental disability"
41 | may be defined by general law.
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