

By Senator Geller

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1 Senate Joint Resolution No. ____

2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to

3 Section 2 of Article I of the State

4 Constitution, relating to declaration of

5 rights.

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

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9 That the following amendment to Section 2 of Article I

10 of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted

11 to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the

12 next general election or at an earlier special election

13 specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

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15 ARTICLE I

16 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

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18 SECTION 2. Basic rights.--All natural persons, female

19 and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable

20 rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and

21 liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and

22 to acquire, possess and protect property; ~~except that the~~

23 ~~ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real~~

24 ~~property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated~~

25 ~~or prohibited by law.~~ No person shall be deprived of any

26 right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical

27 disability.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be

29 placed on the ballot:

30 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

31 ARTICLE I, SECTION 2

CODING:Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.--Proposing an amendment to the
2 State Constitution to delete provisions authorizing the
3 Legislature to regulate or prohibit the ownership,
4 inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by
5 aliens ineligible for citizenship.
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