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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution to eliminate the authority of the state to regulate or prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship.

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 ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law.~~ No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical disability.

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

RIGHTS OF NONCITIZENS TO OWN REAL PROPERTY

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