

By Senator Geller

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Senate Joint Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to  
Section 2 of Article I of the State  
Constitution, relating to basic rights.

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

That the following amendment to Section 2 of Article I  
of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted  
to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the  
next general election or at an earlier special election  
specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

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 following statement be  
placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.--Proposing an amendment to the  
State Constitution to delete provisions authorizing the  
Legislature to regulate or prohibit the ownership,

1 inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by  
2 aliens ineligible for citizenship.  
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