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House Joint Resolution

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

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29 |           DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.--This amendment to the State  
30 | Constitution eliminates authority granted to the Legislature by  
31 | a constitutional amendment that at the time of its adoption in  
32 | 1926 allowed the Legislature to regulate or eliminate the real  
33 | property rights of individuals based on race or national origin.  
34 | As a result of this amendment, the Florida Constitution will  
35 | state that all natural persons are equal before the law and have  
36 | an inalienable right to acquire, possess, and protect property,  
37 | without exception.