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1 House Joint Resolution

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

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

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

13 ARTICLE I

14 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

15 SECTION 2. Basic rights.—All natural persons, female and  
 16 male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable  
 17 rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and  
 18 liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and  
 19 to acquire, possess and protect property; ~~except that the~~  
 20 ~~ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real~~  
 21 ~~property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated~~  
 22 ~~or prohibited by law.~~ No person shall be deprived of any right  
 23 because of race, religion, national origin, or physical  
 24 disability.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
 26 placed on the ballot:

27 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

28 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 adopted in 1926 which allowed the  
32 | Legislature to regulate or eliminate the real property rights of  
33 | individuals based on race or national origin. The Florida  
34 | Constitution will now state that all natural persons, female and  
35 | male alike, are equal before the law and have an inalienable  
36 | right to acquire, possess, and protect property, without  
37 | exception.