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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution, to protect the rights of all persons to acquire and possess real property.

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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30 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.—This amendment to the State
31 Constitution eliminates authority granted to the Legislature by
32 a constitutional amendment adopted in 1926 which allowed the
33 Legislature to regulate or eliminate the real property rights of
34 individuals based on race or national origin. The Florida
35 Constitution will now state that all natural persons, female and
36 male alike, are equal before the law and have an inalienable
37 right to acquire, possess, and protect property, without
38 exception.