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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution to delete a provision authorizing the Legislature to enact laws that regulate or prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by aliens who are ineligible for citizenship.

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

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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:

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## ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

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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

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

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

## ARTICLE I, SECTION 2

REAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP.-Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to eliminate authority granted to the Legislature to regulate or prohibit the real property rights of aliens who are ineligible for citizenship.

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