By Senator Braynon

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1   Senate Joint Resolution
2   A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2
3   of Article I of the State Constitution, to protect the
4   rights of all persons to acquire and possess real
5   property.
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7   Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9   That the following amendment to Section 2 of Article I of
10   the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to
11   the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
12   general election or at an earlier special election specifically
13   authorized by law for that purpose:
14   ARTICLE I
15   DECLARATION OF RIGHTS
16   SECTION 2. Basic rights.—All natural persons, female and
17   male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable
18   rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and
19   liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and
20   to acquire, possess, and protect property; except that the
21   ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real
22   property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated
23   or prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right
24   because of race, religion, national origin, or physical
25   disability.
26   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
27   placed on the ballot:
28   CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
29   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.