By Commissioner Sundberg

1 A proposal to revise 2 ARTICLE I, s. 2, Fla. Const.; providing for 3 citizens to enjoy equal opportunity to employment, housing, public accommodations, 4 5 public education, and other benefits and 6 authorizing governmental agencies to take 7 actions to remedy the effects of past 8 discrimination in certain areas. 9 10 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission 11 that: 12 13 Section 1. Section 2 of Article I of the Florida 14 Constitution is revised by amending that section to read: 15 ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS 16 17 SECTION 2. Basic rights. -- All natural persons are 18 equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which 19 are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, 20 21 possess and protect property; except that the ownership, 22 inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by 23 aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or 24 prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right 25 because of race, religion or physical handicap. All citizens 26 shall enjoy equal opportunity to employment, housing, public 27 accommodations, public education, and other benefits of 28 citizenship. The state, its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities, counties, public colleges and universities, 29 community colleges, school districts, special districts, 30

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1	actions necessary to remedy the present effects of past
2	discrimination in the areas of housing, employment, public
3	accommodations, public education, the purchase of goods and
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