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A proposal to revise the State Constitution by the Constitution  
Revision Commission of Florida.

A proposed revision relating to the removal of  
discriminatory and obsolete provisions; amending  
Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution to  
remove a provision authorizing laws that regulate or  
prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and  
possession of real property by aliens ineligible for  
citizenship; amending Section 9 of Article X of the  
State Constitution to remove prohibition on the  
retroactive application of changes in criminal laws to  
the punishment of previously committed crimes; and  
amending Section 19 of Article X of the State  
Constitution to delete an obsolete provision regarding  
the development of a high speed ground transportation  
system.

Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of  
Florida:

Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution is amended  
to read:

ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 2. Basic rights.—All natural persons, female and  
male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable



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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.

Sections 9 and 19 of Article X of the State Constitution are amended to read:

ARTICLE X  
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 9. Repeal of criminal statutes.—~~Repeal or amendment of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution or punishment for any crime previously committed before such repeal.~~

SECTION 19. Repealed ~~High speed ground transportation system. To reduce traffic congestion and provide alternatives to the traveling public, it is hereby declared to be in the public interest that a high speed ground transportation system consisting of a monorail, fixed guideway or magnetic levitation system, capable of speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour, be developed and operated in the State of Florida to provide high speed ground transportation by innovative, efficient and effective technologies consisting of dedicated rails or guideways separated from motor vehicular traffic that will link the five largest urban areas of the State as determined by the Legislature and provide for access to existing air and ground transportation facilities and services. The Legislature, the~~



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~~Cabinet and the Governor are hereby directed to proceed with the development of such a system by the State and/or by a private entity pursuant to state approval and authorization, including the acquisition of right-of-way, the financing of design and construction of the system, and the operation of the system, as provided by specific appropriation and by law, with construction to begin on or before November 1, 2003.~~

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2

ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 9, 19

PROPERTY RIGHTS; REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISION; CRIMINAL STATUTES.—Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute. \_\_\_\_\_

