Proposal No. 2

By Commissioner Sundberg

A proposal to revise
ARTICLE I, s. 2, Fla. Const.; providing for
citizens to enjoy equal opportunity to
employment, housing, public accommodations,
public education, and other benefits and
authorizing governmental agencies to take
actions to remedy the effects of past
discrimination in certain areas.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission
that:

Section 1. Section 2 of Article I of the Florida
Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS
SECTION 2. Basic rights.--All natural persons 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,
happiness, 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 or physical handicap. All citizens
shall enjoy equal opportunity to employment, housing, public
accommodations, public education, and other benefits of
citizenship. The state, its agencies, political subdivisions,
municipalities, counties, public colleges and universities,
community colleges, school districts, special districts,
authorities, and other government instrumentalities, may take
actions necessary to remedy the present effects of past discrimination in the areas of housing, employment, public accommodations, public education, the purchase of goods and services, and the expenditure of public funds.

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.