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5 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

6 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred a  
7 proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont entitled  
8 “Proposal 2” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
9 recommends that the proposal be amended by striking out the proposal in its  
10 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 PROPOSAL 2

12 Sec. 1. Article 1 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

13 Article 1. [All persons born free; their natural rights; slavery prohibited]

14 That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain  
15 natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and  
16 defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and  
17 pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; therefore no person born in this  
18 country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any  
19 person as a servant, slave or apprentice, ~~after arriving to the age of twenty-one~~  
20 ~~years,~~ unless bound by the person’s own consent, ~~after arriving to such age,~~ or  
21 bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like.

22 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

23 The amendment set forth in Sec. 1 shall become a part of the Constitution of  
24 the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November

26 (Draft No. 2.1 – PROPOSAL 2)  
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30 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with  
31 the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

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37 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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39 Senator \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE COMMITTEE