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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 in any capacity, unless bound by the person’s own consent, ~~after arriving~~
21 ~~to such age~~, or bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or
22 the like.

23 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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31 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with

32 the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

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38 (Committee vote: _____)

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40 Senator _____ FOR THE COMMITTEE

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