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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. PURPOSE

13 This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to  
14 clarify that slavery in all forms is prohibited.

15 Sec. 2. Article 1 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

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

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

27 (Draft No. 1.1 – PROPOSAL 2)  
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31 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

32 The amendment set forth in Sec. 2 shall become a part of the Constitution of  
33 the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November  
34 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with  
35 the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

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40 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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42 Senator \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE COMMITTEE