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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 no person born in this
21 country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any
22 person as a servant, ~~slave~~ or apprentice, ~~after arriving to the age of twenty one~~
23 ~~years~~, unless bound by the person’s own consent, ~~after arriving to such age~~, or
24 bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like, and
25 slavery in all forms is prohibited.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 The amendment set forth in Sec. 2 shall become a part of the Constitution of
3 the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of
4 November

4 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance
5 with

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

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(Committee vote:
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Senator _____

15 FOR THE
COMMITTEE

