

# AN AMENDMENT

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION

AT THE

GENERAL ELECTION

TO BE HELD

On Tuesday, the Third day of November, 1914,

Proposed by the Legislative Assembly and Approved March 19, 1913, in accordance with Section I, Article XXXIII of the Constitution of the State of Washington, filed in the office of Secretary of State, March 19, 1913, commonly known as Alien Land Law.

(Will appear on the official ballot in the following form)

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## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

Entitled "An amendment of Section 33, Article 2 of the State Constitution, enabling alien residents of this state to acquire by purchase and hold lands lying within municipal corporations, and providing for the escheat of such lands to the common school fund in case the owner thereof becomes a non-resident of the state for the term of five years."

FOR the proposed amendment to Section 33 of Article 2 of the Constitution providing for the ownership of lands by aliens.....

AGAINST the proposed amendment to Section 33 of Article 2 of the Constitution providing for the ownership of lands by aliens.....

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## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE CONCISE STATEMENT.

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## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING RESIDENT ALIENS TO OWN REAL PROPERTY IN CITIES.

AN ACT providing for the amendment of section 33 of article 2 of the constitution of the State of Washington, relating to the ownership of lands by aliens.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. That at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1914, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state, for their adoption and approval or rejection, an amendment to section 33 of article 2, of the constitution of

the State of Washington, so that the same shall read, when so amended as follows:

Section 33. The ownership of lands by aliens, other than those who in good faith have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, is prohibited in this state, except where acquired by inheritance, under mortgage or in good faith in the ordinary course of justice in the collection of debts; and all conveyances of lands hereafter made to any alien directly, or in trust for such alien, shall be void: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to lands con-

taining valuable deposits of mineral, metals, iron, coal, or fire clay, and the necessary land for mills and machinery to be used in the development thereof, and the manufacture of the products therefrom. Every corporation, the majority of the capital stock of which is owned by aliens, shall be considered an alien for the purpose of this prohibition. *Provided, however,* That this section shall not apply to conveyances of lands lying wholly within the limits of municipal corporations when made to resident aliens. In the event of a resident alien becomes a non-resident for the term of five years, his interest in lands in the State of Washington shall be vested in the common school fund.

SEC. 2. The secretary of state is hereby directed to cause the amendment proposed in section 1 of this act to be published for three months next preceding the said election mentioned in section one hereof, in some weekly newspaper in every county where a newspaper is published throughout the state.

SEC. 3. There shall be printed on

all ballots provided for the said election the words:

"For the proposed amendment to section 33 of article 2 of the constitution providing for the ownership of lands by aliens."

"Against the proposed amendment to section 33 of article 2 of the constitution providing for the ownership of lands by aliens."

SEC. 4. If it shall appear from the ballots cast at the said election that a majority of the qualified electors voting upon the question of the adoption of said amendment have voted in favor of the same the governor shall make proclamation of the same in the manner provided by law, and the said amendment shall be held to have been adopted and to have been a part of the constitution from the time of such proclamation.

Passed the House February 6, 1913.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1913.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1913.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State, March 19, 1913.

I. M. HOWELL, Secretary of State.