

# An Amendment to the State Constitution

To Be Submitted to the Qualified Electors of the State for Their Approval  
or Rejection at the

## GENERAL ELECTION

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, November 7, 1950

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### BALLOT TITLE

Shall Article II, Section 33 of the Constitution be amended to permit ownership of land by Canadians who are citizens of provinces wherein citizens of this state may own land?

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

*Be It Resolved* By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington in Legislative Session assembled:

THAT, At the next general election in this state, whether regularly or specially called, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Section 33 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Washington to read 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 containing valuable deposits of minerals, 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: *And provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to the citizens of such of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada as do not expressly or by implication prohibit ownership of provincial lands by citizens of this state. Every corporation, the majority of the capital stock of which is owned by aliens, shall be considered an alien for the purposes of this prohibition.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That the Secretary of State shall cause the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at least three months next preceding the election in a weekly newspaper in every county where a newspaper is published throughout the state.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1949.

VICTOR A. MEYERS,  
*President of the Senate.*

Passed the House March 4, 1949.

CHAS. W. HODDE,  
*Speaker of the House.*

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STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State March 12, 1949.

EARL COE,  
*Secretary of State.*