

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION

TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 1954

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

House Joint Resolution No. 16

ALIEN LAND OWNERSHIP; CORPORATION AMENDMENT.

Shall Article II, section 33, as amended by Amendment 24 of the Constitution of the State of Washington, be amended by redefining "alien", thereby permitting the legislature to determine the policy of the state respecting the ownership of land by corporations having alien shareholders?

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

THAT, At the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1954, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their adoption or rejection, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Washington:

Section 33 of Article II as amended by Amendment 24 of the Constitution of the State of Washington is hereby amended to read as follows:

Art. 2, Sec. 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.

Be It Further Resolved, That the Secretary of State shall cause the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published for 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 House March 6, 1953.
R. MORT FRAYN,
Speaker of the House.

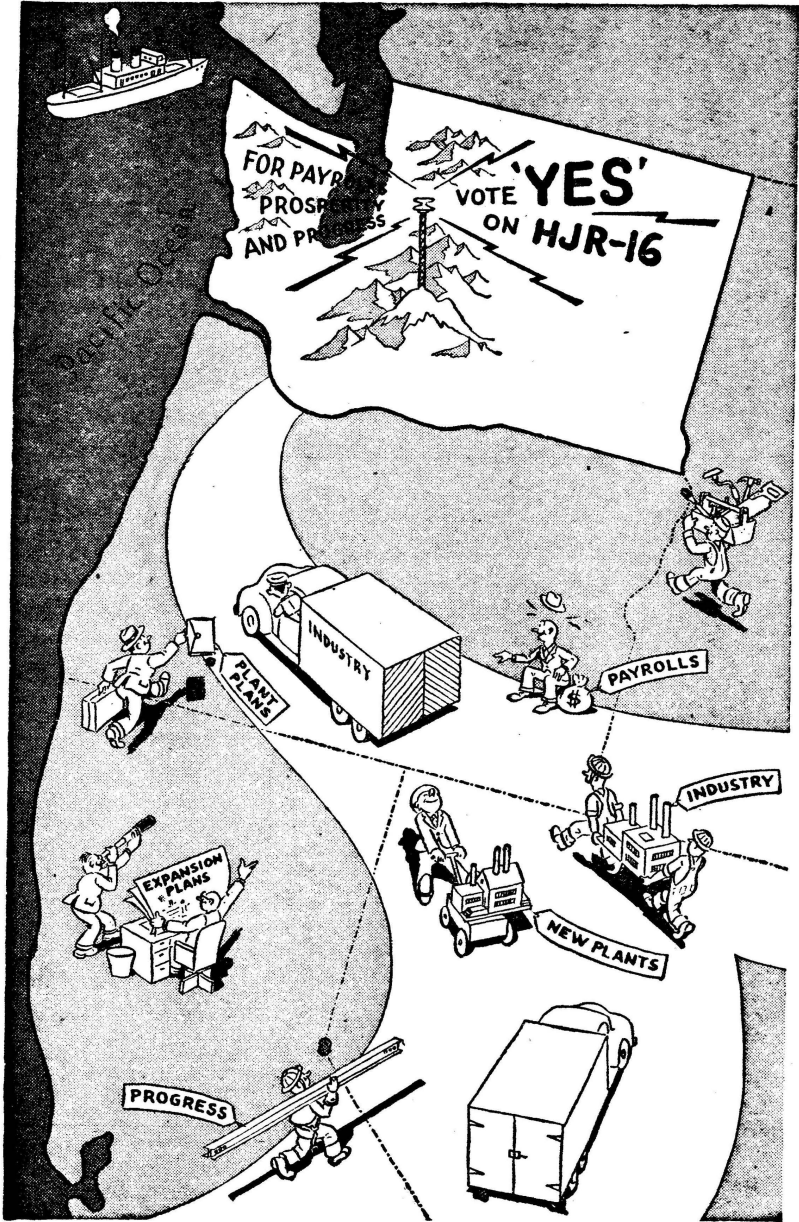
Passed the Senate March 10, 1953.
EMMETT T. ANDERSON,
President of the Senate.

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Filed in the office of the Secretary of State March 12, 1953.

EARL COE,
Secretary of State.

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APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY LEGISLATURE

House Joint Resolution No. 16 was approved by a vote of 39 to 0 in the Senate and 92 to 0 in the House of Representatives of the Washington Legislature and deserves your support. Your vote FOR this amendment will help to achieve a change in the law which the Legislature, in its wisdom and judgment, has determined, without a dissenting vote, to be in the best interests of the people of our State.

BRINGS NEW PAYROLLS BY REMOVING HANDICAP TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The change proposed by the Legislature is a simple one. It affects only a single sentence in the State Constitution under which corporations organized under the laws of the United States, but a majority of whose capital stock is owned by aliens, have been prohibited from owning land in Washington. This prohibition has discouraged many American corporations from investing their capital in Washington and bringing new payrolls to our State. There is no similar prohibition in Oregon, California, Idaho or other neighboring States. Removal of this handicap to the industrial development of our State requires a "YES" vote on this measure.

DESIRABLE LIMITATIONS ON ALIEN OWNERSHIP PRESERVED

A "YES" vote for H. J. R. No. 16 will not let the bars down generally on prohibitions against alien ownership of lands in Washington. It will leave in effect all other provisions of the State Constitution governing the ownership of land by individual aliens. Likewise it will not disturb the laws which the Legislature has enacted concerning the ownership of lands by both individual aliens and corporations whose capital stock is owned by aliens. A "YES" vote for H. J. R. No. 16 will leave in the Legislature control of the ownership of lands by American corporations having alien stockholders. In this way your elected representatives in the Legislature will have the responsibility to make such changes in the land laws as will be in your best interests and bring new business and prosperity to our State.

Vote for PAYROLLS, PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS!

Vote "YES" on House Joint Resolution No. 16.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON INDUSTRIES
WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR
WASHINGTON STATE C. I. O. COUNCIL**

STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State July 21, 1954.

EARL COE,
Secretary of State.