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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 902

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 proposing amendments to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4, and  
1.3 article V, sections 2 and 4; placing limits on the terms of office of legislators  
1.4 and executive officers.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.**

1.7 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4, and article  
1.8 V, sections 2 and 4, is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, article IV,  
1.9 section 4, will read:

1.10 Sec. 4. Representatives shall be chosen for a term of two years, except to fill a vacancy.  
1.11 Senators shall be chosen for a term of four years, except to fill a vacancy and except there  
1.12 shall be an entire new election of all the senators at the first election of representatives  
1.13 after each new legislative apportionment provided for in this article. No person may file  
1.14 to be a candidate for election to a term in the house of representatives or senate that,  
1.15 if served, would cause the person to serve more than 14 years in the legislature. The  
1.16 governor shall call elections to fill vacancies in either house of the legislature.

1.17 article V, section 2, will read:

1.18 Sec. 2. The term of office for the governor and lieutenant governor is four years and  
1.19 until a successor is chosen and qualified. No person may file to be a candidate for election  
1.20 to a third consecutive term as governor or to a third consecutive term as lieutenant governor.  
1.21 Each shall have attained the age of 25 years and, shall have been a bona fide resident of the  
1.22 state for one year next preceding his election, and shall be a citizen of the United States.

1.23 article V, section 4, will read:

