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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IX, section 1;  
1.3 requiring gubernatorial approval of a law proposing a constitutional amendment  
1.4 before it is submitted to the voters; providing legislative override of governor's  
1.5 veto of law proposing constitutional amendment.

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

1.7 Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

1.8 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment  
1.9 is adopted, article IX, section 1, will read:

1.10 Section 1. A majority of the members elected to each house of the legislature may propose  
1.11 by law amendments to this constitution. Proposed amendments shall be published with the  
1.12 laws passed at the same session and submitted to the people for their approval or rejection  
1.13 at a general election. If a majority of all the electors voting at the election vote to ratify an  
1.14 amendment, it becomes a part of this constitution. If two or more amendments are submitted  
1.15 at the same time, voters shall vote for or against each separately.

1.16 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.

1.17 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2018 general election.  
1.18 The question submitted must be:

1.19 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require gubernatorial approval of a  
1.20 law proposing a constitutional amendment before the proposed amendment is submitted to  
1.21 the voters and, if the governor vetoes the law proposing the constitutional amendment, to

2.1 provide for legislative override of the gubernatorial veto by a two-thirds majority vote of  
2.2 each house?

2.3 Yes .....

2.4 No ....."