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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2485

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota
1.3 Constitution, article IV, section 2; reducing the size of the legislature; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 2.031, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2012, section 2.021.

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

1.7 ARTICLE 1
1.8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1.9 Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

1.10 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the
1.11 amendment is adopted, article IV, section 2, will read:

1.12 Sec. 2. The number of members who compose the senate and house of representatives
1.13 shall be prescribed by law. The senate shall be comprised of 40 members, and the house
1.14 of representatives shall be comprised of 80 members. The representation in both houses
1.15 shall be apportioned equally throughout the different sections of the state in proportion
1.16 to the population thereof.

1.17 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS; EFFECTIVE DATE.

1.18 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2014 general
1.19 election. If ratified, the amendment is effective for sessions of the legislature convening
1.20 on or after January 1, 2023. The question submitted must be:

2.1 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to reduce the size of the senate to 40  
 2.2 members and reduce the size of the house of representatives to 80 members, effective for  
 2.3 legislative sessions convening on or after January 1, 2023?

2.4 Yes .....  
 2.5 No ..... "

2.6 **ARTICLE 2**

2.7 **CONFORMING CHANGES**

2.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 2.031, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.9 Subdivision 1. **Legislative districts.** The representatives in the senate and house of  
 2.10 representatives are apportioned throughout the state in ~~67 senate districts and 134 house of~~  
 2.11 ~~representatives districts~~ the number of districts prescribed by the Minnesota Constitution.  
 2.12 Each senate district is entitled to elect one senator and each house of representatives  
 2.13 district is entitled to elect one representative.

2.14 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.15 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 2.021, is repealed.

2.16 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.17 This article is effective and applies to sessions of the legislature convening on or  
 2.18 after January 1, 2023, if the constitutional amendment proposed in article 1 is ratified.

APPENDIX  
Article locations in 14-4025

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APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 14-4025

**2.021 NUMBER OF MEMBERS.**

For each legislature, until a new apportionment shall have been made, the senate is composed of 67 members and the house of representatives is composed of 134 members.