

A bill for an act
proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 12;
adding a provision to allow the legislature or presiding officers to call a special
session.

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

Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the
amendment is adopted, article IV, section 12, will read:

Sec. 12. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government in regular session in each
biennium at the times prescribed by law for not exceeding a total of 120 legislative days.
The legislature shall not meet in regular session, nor in any adjournment thereof, after the
first Monday following the third Saturday in May of any year. After meeting at a time
prescribed by law, the legislature may adjourn to another time. "Legislative day" shall
be defined by law. Upon the written agreement of a majority of the members elected to
the house of representatives and a majority of the members elected to the senate or upon
the order of the presiding officers of both houses, the legislature shall convene in special
session. Any bill may be considered whose subject is stated in the agreement or order that
convened the special session. A special session called by the legislature may not exceed
seven legislative days. A bill may be passed on the day prescribed for adjournment of the
special session. A special session of the legislature may also be called by the governor on
extraordinary occasions.

Neither house during a session of the legislature shall adjourn for more than three
days (Sundays excepted) nor to any other place than that in which the two houses shall be
assembled without the consent of the other house.

2.1 **Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

2.2 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2008 general
2.3 election. The question submitted must be:

2.4 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require the legislature to meet in
2.5 special session for up to seven days upon the agreement of a majority of the members of
2.6 each house of the legislature or upon the order of its presiding officers?"

2.7 Yes

2.8 No"