

A bill for an act

proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to article IV; requiring a three-fifths vote to enact a law imposing or increasing certain taxes.

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, a section shall be added to article IV to read:

Sec. 27. Passage of a law that increases the general rate or expands the taxable base of a state tax on income or sales or increases property taxes requires the vote of three-fifths of the members of each house of the legislature. A law increases property taxes if the law:

(1) increases a property tax rate or levy set or mandated under state law; or

(2) authorizes a governmental unit to impose or increase a property tax rate or levy without voter approval.

Passage of a law that creates a new tax of statewide applicability also requires the vote of three-fifths of the members of each house of the legislature.

This section does not apply to a single law that increases income, sales, or property taxes or imposes a new tax, if the law also decreases taxes and does not, on a permanent basis, increase the total amount of revenues estimated to be raised from state taxes and property taxes.

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

The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2012 general election. The question submitted must be:

H.F. No. 1598, 1st Engrossment - 87th Legislative Session (2011-2012) [H1598-1]

2.1 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to prevent the legislature from
2.2 increasing state income, state sales, or property taxes unless approved by a three-fifths
2.3 (60%) vote in each House?

2.4 Yes

2.5 No"