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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3208

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy

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

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

1.6 Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

1.7 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4, and article V, sections  
1.8 2 and 4, is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, article IV, section 4, will  
1.9 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 after  
1.13 each new legislative apportionment provided for in this article. No person may file to be a  
1.14 candidate for election to a fifth full term in the house of representatives. No person may file  
1.15 to be a candidate for election to a fourth full term in the senate. The governor shall call  
1.16 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 full term as governor or to a third full term as lieutenant governor. Each shall have  
1.21 attained the age of 25 years and, shall have been a bona fide resident of the state for one  
1.22 year next preceding his the person's election, and shall be a citizen of the United States.

2.1 article V, section 4, will read:

2.2 Sec. 4. The term of office of the secretary of state, attorney general, and state auditor  
2.3 is four years and until a successor is chosen and qualified. No person may file to be a  
2.4 candidate for election to a third full term in one of the offices of secretary of state, attorney  
2.5 general, or state auditor. The duties and salaries of the executive officers shall be prescribed  
2.6 by law.

2.7 Sec. 2. **APPLICATION; SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

2.8 (a) The amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2026 general election.

2.9 The question submitted to the people shall be:

2.10 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to place limits on the terms of office of  
2.11 state legislators and executive officers?

2.12 Yes .....

2.13 No ..... "

2.14 (b) Terms ending before or in 2027 must not be counted for the purpose of term limits  
2.15 in section 1.