A bill for an act

relating to state spending; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to article XI; limiting the level of budgeted spending to the amount collected in the prior biennium.

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 XI, to read:

Sec. 16. Planned expenditures for all funds for the biennium shall be limited to the amount of actual revenues received in the previous two-year budget period. Onetime repayment of payment shifts or other state financial obligations is exempt from this expenditures limitation. Any additional expenditures may only be budgeted to provide for the public peace, safety, or health as a result of a declared national security or peacetime emergency.

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

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

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require that state government expenditures for all funds be limited to the amount of actual revenues received by the state in the previous two-year budget period and any additional expenditures may only be

made to provide for the public peace, safety, or health as a result of a declared national security or peacetime emergency?

Yes .....

No ....."