

A bill for an act

relating to the legislature; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4; providing four-year terms of office for representatives and six-year terms of office for senators.

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 4, will read:

Sec. 4. Representatives shall be chosen for a term of ~~two~~ four years, except to fill a vacancy; ~~and~~ senators shall be chosen for a term of ~~four~~ six years, except to fill a vacancy and except as otherwise required by this section. There shall be an entire new election of all the senators and representatives at the first general election ~~of representatives~~ after each new legislative apportionment provided for in this article. At that election, senators elected from even-numbered districts shall be elected to four-year terms and representatives elected from districts designated with the letter "A" shall be elected to two-year terms. The governor shall call elections to fill vacancies in either house of the legislature.

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

The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2010 general election. The question submitted must be:

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2.1 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide staggered four-year terms
2.2 for representatives and staggered six-year terms for senators, with an entire new election
2.3 of all representatives and senators after each legislative apportionment?

2.4 Yes

2.5 No