A bill for an act

relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XI; forbidding standing appropriations.

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. The legislature may not enact a law that appropriates money from the state general fund for a period beyond the biennium in which the appropriation is enacted. For purposes of this section, a biennium is the period beginning on July 1 of an odd-numbered year and ending June 30 of the following odd-numbered year. Any appropriation enacted before the adoption of this section is void after June 30 of the first odd-numbered year after this section is adopted to the extent the appropriation purports to authorize spending after that date. This section does not apply to appropriations to the state bond fund needed to pay principal and interest on state bonds.

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 forbid the legislature from appropriating money from the state general fund for a period beyond the biennium in

which the appropriation is enacted, except for appropriations necessary to pay principal and interest on state bonds?

Yes .....

No ....."