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1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6	A bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, sections 12 and 22; specifying deadlines for certain actions by the legislature; authorizing the legislature to meet in regular session in September of an odd-numbered year for certain purposes. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.7	Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.
1.8	An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the
1.9	amendment is adopted, article IV, section 12, will read:
1.10	Sec. 12. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government in regular session in each
1.11	biennium at the times prescribed by law for not exceeding a total of 120 150 legislative
1.12	days. The legislature shall not meet in regular session, nor in any adjournment thereof,
1.13	after the first Monday following the third Saturday in May June of any year, except that
1.14	it may meet in regular session in September of an odd-numbered year for purposes
1.15	of conducting oversight activities, providing relief for disasters, and engaging in any
1.16	business necessary to prepare for the regular session convening the following calendar
1.17	year. After meeting at a time prescribed by law, the legislature may adjourn to another
1.18	time. "Legislative day" shall be defined by law.
1.19	A special session of the legislature may be called by the governor on extraordinary
1.20	occasions.
1.21	Neither house during a session of the legislature shall adjourn for more than three
1.22	days (Sundays excepted) nor to any other place than that in which the two houses shall be
1.23	assembled without the consent of the other house.
1.24	article IV, section 22, will read:

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Sec. 22. The style of all laws of this state shall be: "Be it enacted by the legislature of 2.1 the state of Minnesota." No law shall be passed unless voted for by a majority of all the 2.2 members elected to each house of the legislature, and the vote entered in the journal of 2.3 each house. No bill in a regular session shall be passed unless each house has passed a 2.4 version of the bill, with the same language or with different language from that passed 2.5 by the other house, at least 21 calendar days before the last day the legislature can meet 2.6 in regular session that year. If one house does not concur in amendments to a bill made 2.7 by the other house, any agreement by a conference committee established to resolve the 2.8 differences in the bills must be reported back to both houses at least seven calendar days 2.9 before the last day the legislature can meet in regular session that year. If, during this 2.10 seven-calendar-day period, a house votes to return a bill to the conference committee, the 2.11 committee must vote to report the bill back to both houses the next calendar day after the 2.12 bill was returned if a new agreement on the bill was reached by the committee. 2.13 2.14 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2016 general 2.15 election. The question submitted must be: 2.16 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to ensure adequate time for the 2.17 legislature to consider bills when meeting in regular session and to permit the legislature 2.18 to meet in regular session in September of odd-numbered years for purposes of conducting 2.19 oversight activities, providing relief from disasters, and engaging in business necessary to 2.20 prepare for the regular session in the following calendar year? 2.21

2.22 <u>Yes</u> 2.23 No "