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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

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A bill for an act

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proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to

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article IV; requiring a three-fifths vote to enact a law imposing or increasing

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certain taxes.

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

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Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

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An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the

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amendment is adopted, a section must be added to article IV to read:

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Sec. 27. Passage of a law that increases the general rate or expands the taxable base of

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a state tax on income or sales or that imposes a new tax of statewide applicability requires

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the vote of three-fifths of the members of each house of the legislature. This section does

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not apply to a law that increases income or sales tax or imposes a new tax, if the law also

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decreases taxes and does not, on a permanent basis, increase the total amount of revenues

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estimated to be raised from state taxes.

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

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The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2016 general

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election. The question submitted must be:

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"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to prevent the legislature from

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increasing state income or sales taxes or imposing new state taxes unless approved by a

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three-fifths (60 percent) vote of both the House of Representatives and the Senate?

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Yes .....

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No ..... "