

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

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99 Introduction and first reading

OFFICIAL STATUS

Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota
1.3 Constitution, article IV, section 2; reducing the size of the legislature; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 2.031, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes
1.5 2018, section 2.021.

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

1.7 **ARTICLE 1**
1.8 **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

1.9 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

1.10 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment
1.11 is adopted, article IV, section 2, will read:

1.12 Sec. 2. ~~The number of members who compose the senate and house of representatives~~
1.13 ~~shall be prescribed by law.~~ The senate is comprised of 49 members, and the house of
1.14 representatives is comprised of 98 members. The representation in both houses shall be
1.15 apportioned equally throughout the different sections of the state in proportion to the
1.16 population thereof.

1.17 Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS; EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.18 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2020 general election.
1.19 If ratified, the amendment is effective for sessions of the legislature convening on or after
1.20 January 1, 2024. The question submitted must be:

2.1 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to reduce the size of the senate to 49
 2.2 members and reduce the size of the house of representatives to 98 members, effective for
 2.3 legislative sessions convening on or after January 1, 2024?

2.4 Yes
 2.5 No"

2.6 **ARTICLE 2**
 2.7 **CONFORMING CHANGES**

2.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 2.031, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.9 Subdivision 1. **Legislative districts.** The representatives in the senate and house of
 2.10 representatives are apportioned throughout the state in ~~67 senate districts and 134 house of~~
 2.11 ~~representatives districts~~ the number of districts prescribed by the Minnesota Constitution.
 2.12 Each senate district is entitled to elect one senator and each house of representatives district
 2.13 is entitled to elect one representative.

2.14 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.15 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 2.021, is repealed.

2.16 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.17 This article is effective and applies to sessions of the legislature convening on or after
 2.18 January 1, 2024, if the constitutional amendment proposed in article 1 is ratified.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 19-0300

2.021 NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

For each legislature, until a new apportionment shall have been made, the senate is composed of 67 members and the house of representatives is composed of 134 members.