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## State of Minnesota

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A bill for an act

proposing amendments to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4, and

article V, sections 2 and 4; placing limits on the terms of office of legislators

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.4	and executive officers.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.
1.7	An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4, and article
1.8	V, sections 2 and 4, is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, article IV,
1.9	section 4, will read:
1.10	Sec. 4. Representatives shall be chosen for a term of two years, except to fill a vacancy.
1.11	Senators shall be chosen for a term of four years, except to fill a vacancy and except there
1.12	shall be an entire new election of all the senators at the first election of representatives
1.13	after each new legislative apportionment provided for in this article. No person may file
1.14	to be a candidate for election to a term in the house of representatives or senate that,
1.15	if served, would cause the person to serve more than 14 years in the legislature. The
1.16	governor shall call elections to fill vacancies in either house of the legislature.
1.17	article V, section 2, will read:
1.18	Sec. 2. The term of office for the governor and lieutenant governor is four years and
1.19	until a successor is chosen and qualified. No person may file to be a candidate for election
1.20	to a third consecutive term as governor or to a third consecutive term as lieutenant governor.
1.21	Each shall have attained the age of 25 years and, shall have been a bona fide resident of the
1.22	state for one year next preceding his election, and shall be a citizen of the United States.

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article V, section 4, will read:

2.1	Sec. 4. The term of office of the secretary of state, attorney general and state auditor
2.2	is four years and until a successor is chosen and qualified. No person may file to be
2.3	a candidate for election to a third consecutive term in one of the offices of secretary of
2.4	state, attorney general, or state auditor. The duties and salaries of the executive officers
2.5	shall be prescribed by law.
2.6	Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.
2.7	The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2016 general
2.8	election. The question submitted must be:
2.9	"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to place limits on the terms of office

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of state legislators and executive officers?

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