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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2549

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to
1.3 article XI; prohibiting state spending increases in excess of inflation and population
1.4 growth.

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

1.6 Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

1.7 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment
1.8 is adopted, a section shall be added to article XI, to read:

1.9 Sec. 16. TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS. The maximum biennial percentage change
1.10 in state spending equals inflation plus the percentage change in state population. State
1.11 spending shall be determined as all expenditures and reserve increases, excluding: federal
1.12 funds; excess revenue refunded to taxpayers; reserve transfers or expenditures; expenditures
1.13 approved by the people after 2024; and expenditures of gifts or court-ordered damage
1.14 awards. Inflation shall be determined as the total percentage change in the United States
1.15 Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington
1.16 for all urban consumers and all items, or its successor index, for the previous two calendar
1.17 years. The percentage change in state population shall be determined as the total percentage
1.18 change for the previous two calendar years according to federal estimates and adjusted every
1.19 decade to match the federal census.

1.20 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.

1.21 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2024 general election.
1.22 The question submitted must be:

2.1 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to prohibit state spending increases in
 2.2 excess of inflation and population growth?"

2.3 Yes

2.4 No "