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A bill for an act

proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IX, section 1; requiring a three-fifths vote of one body of the legislature in the calendar year after a three-fifths vote of the other body of the legislature to submit a proposed constitutional amendment to the people; placing a proposal for a constitutional amendment on the ballot in the general election after the next general election following passage of the act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 3.20.

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

Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, article IX, section 1, will read:

Section 1. ~~A majority~~ Three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the legislature may propose amendments to this constitution. An amendment may not be proposed until it has passed one house of the legislature in one calendar year and the other house of the same legislature in the next calendar year. Proposed amendments shall be published with the laws passed at the same session and submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at a the general election following the next general election. If a majority of all the electors voting at the election vote to ratify an amendment, it becomes a part of this constitution. If two or more amendments are submitted at the same time, voters shall vote for or against each separately.

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

(a) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2014 general election. The question submitted must be:

2.1 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require that an amendment to the
 2.2 Minnesota Constitution be proposed by three-fifths of the members elected to one house
 2.3 of the legislature in a calendar year and three-fifths of the members elected to the other
 2.4 house of the same legislature in the next calendar year and submitted to the people at the
 2.5 general election following the next general election?

2.6 Yes
 2.7 No "

2.8 (b) The title required under Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1,
 2.9 for the question submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be "Amending the
 2.10 Minnesota Constitution."

2.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 3.20, is amended to read:

2.12 **3.20 FORM OF ACT; PROCESS FOR SUBMISSION.**

2.13 Every act for the submission of an amendment to the Constitution shall set forth the
 2.14 section as it will read if the amendment is adopted, with only the other matter necessary to
 2.15 show in what section or article the alteration is proposed. ~~It~~ After passage of the act by
 2.16 three-fifths of the members elected to one house of the legislature in the calendar year
 2.17 following passage of the act by three-fifths of the members elected to the other house of
 2.18 the legislature, the amendment shall be submitted and voted upon at the general election
 2.19 following the next general election as provided by the law relating to general elections. If
 2.20 adopted, the governor shall announce the fact by proclamation.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following adoption by the
 2.22 voters of the constitutional amendment in section 1.