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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VII, section 1;
1.3 authorizing individuals under the age of 18 to vote at a primary election in certain
1.4 circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.014, subdivision
1.5 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

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

1.10 Section 1. Every person 18 years of age or more who has been a citizen of the United
1.11 States for three months and who has resided in the precinct for 30 days next preceding an
1.12 election shall be entitled to vote in that precinct. A person under the age of 18 may vote in
1.13 a primary election if the person meets all other voter eligibility requirements and will be 18
1.14 years of age or older on the date of the general election. The place of voting by one otherwise
1.15 qualified who has changed his residence within 30 days preceding the election shall be
1.16 prescribed by law. The following persons shall not be entitled or permitted to vote at any
1.17 election in this state: A person not meeting the above requirements; a person who has been
1.18 convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil rights; a person under guardianship,
1.19 or a person who is insane or not mentally competent.

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

1.21 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2020 general election.

1.22 The question submitted must be:

2.1 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow people under 18 years of age to
 2.2 vote in primary elections if they meet all other voter eligibility requirements and will be 18
 2.3 years of age or older on the date of the next general election?"

2.4 Yes
 2.5 No "

2.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 201.014, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.7 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 2, an individual
 2.8 who meets the following requirements at the time of an election is eligible to vote. The
 2.9 individual must:

2.10 (1) be 18 years of age or older;

2.11 (2) be a citizen of the United States; and

2.12 (3) maintain residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election.

2.13 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clause (1), an individual who is not 18 years of age
 2.14 but who meets all other eligibility requirements for voting may cast a ballot at a primary
 2.15 election or presidential nomination primary, for purposes of nominating candidates to be
 2.16 voted on at the subsequent general election, if the individual will be 18 years of age or older
 2.17 at the time the general election is held. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the ballot
 2.18 provided to an individual authorized to vote under this paragraph must be prepared so that
 2.19 the individual may vote only for the candidates seeking nomination for office and not for
 2.20 any question or proposition.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** If the constitutional amendment in section 1 is approved by the
 2.22 voters at the 2020 general election, this section is effective January 1, 2021.