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A bill for an act

relating to the legislature; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4; providing four-year terms of office for representatives and six-year terms of office for senators.

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 IV, section 4, will read:

Sec. 4. Representatives shall be chosen for a term of ~~two~~ four years, except to fill a vacancy~~.~~, and senators shall be chosen for a term of ~~four~~ six years, except to fill a vacancy and except as otherwise required by this section. There shall be an entire new election of all the senators and representatives at the first general election ~~of representatives~~ after each new legislative apportionment provided for in this article. The governor shall call elections to fill vacancies in either house of the legislature.

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

The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2012 general election. The question submitted must be:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to increase the terms of legislative offices by two years?

Yes .....

No ....."