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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota
1.3 Constitution, article V, sections 1, 2, 5; abolishing the office of lieutenant
1.4 governor.

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 is proposed to the people. If the
1.8 amendment is adopted,

1.9 article V, section 1, will read:

1.10 Section 1. The executive department consists of a governor, ~~lieutenant governor,~~
1.11 secretary of state, auditor, and attorney general, who shall be chosen by the electors of
1.12 the state. ~~The governor and lieutenant governor shall be chosen jointly by a single vote~~
1.13 ~~applying to both offices in a manner prescribed by law.~~

1.14 article V, section 2, will read:

1.15 Sec. 2. The term of office for the governor ~~and lieutenant governor~~ is four years and
1.16 until a successor is chosen and qualified. ~~Each~~ The governor shall have attained the age of
1.17 25 years and, shall have been a bona fide resident of the state for one year next preceding
1.18 his election, and shall be a citizen of the United States.

1.19 article V, section 5, will read:

1.20 Sec. 5. In case a vacancy occurs from any cause whatever in the office of governor,
1.21 ~~the lieutenant governor~~ secretary of state shall be governor during such vacancy. ~~The~~
1.22 ~~compensation of the lieutenant governor shall be prescribed by law.~~ The last elected
1.23 presiding officer of the senate shall become ~~lieutenant~~ governor in case a vacancy
1.24 occurs in ~~that office~~ the offices of governor and secretary of state. In case the governor

