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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**HOUSE FILE No. 35**

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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 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section  
1.3 3; providing for multimember senate and house districts that coincide with  
1.4 congressional district boundaries; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections  
1.5 2.021; 2.031, subdivision 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  
1.9 amendment is adopted, article IV, section 3, will read:

1.10 Sec. 3. At its first session after each enumeration of the inhabitants of this state  
1.11 made by the authority of the United States, the legislature shall have the power to  
1.12 prescribe the bounds of congressional and legislative districts. Senators shall be chosen  
1.13 by ~~single~~ multimember districts of convenient contiguous territory that coordinate with  
1.14 congressional districts. No representative district shall be divided in the formation of a  
1.15 senate district. The senate districts shall be numbered in a regular series.

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

1.17 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2008 general  
1.18 election. The question submitted must be:

1.19 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide for multimember senate  
1.20 districts that coordinate with congressional districts?

1.21 Yes .....

1.22 No ....."

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 2.021, is amended to read:

2.2 **2.021 NUMBER OF MEMBERS.**

2.3 For each legislature, until a new apportionment shall have been made, the senate  
2.4 is composed of ~~67~~ no fewer than 60 and no more than 64 members and the house of  
2.5 representatives is composed of 134 members.

2.6 In 2013 and thereafter, the senate must be composed of a number of senators evenly  
2.7 divisible by the number of representatives in Congress apportioned to the state.

2.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 2.031, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.9 Subdivision 1. **Legislative districts.** The representatives in the senate and house of  
2.10 representatives are apportioned throughout the state in ~~67 senate districts and 134 house~~  
2.11 ~~districts~~ the number of senate and house districts provided by law. No congressional  
2.12 district boundary may be crossed in forming a senate district. Each senate district is  
2.13 entitled to elect ~~one senator~~ eight senators and each house district is entitled to elect  
2.14 one representative.

2.15 Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.16 Sections 3 and 4 are effective for any apportionment to be effective in 2013 or  
2.17 thereafter, if the constitutional amendment proposed by sections 1 and 2 is ratified by  
2.18 the voters.