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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 elections; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution,  
1.3 article VII, section 1; authorizing local units of government to permit permanent  
1.4 resident noncitizens to vote in local elections.

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

1.6 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

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

1.9 Section 1. Every person 18 years of age or more who has been a citizen of the United  
1.10 States for three months and who has resided in the precinct for 30 days next preceding an  
1.11 election shall be entitled to vote in that precinct. A local unit of government may authorize  
1.12 voting in its elections by a person who is 18 years of age or more, has resided in the  
1.13 local government jurisdiction for 30 days next preceding an election, and is not a citizen  
1.14 of the United States but is a permanent resident of the United States under federal law.

1.15 The place of voting by one otherwise qualified who has changed his residence within 30  
1.16 days preceding the election shall be prescribed by law. The following persons shall not be  
1.17 entitled or permitted to vote at any election in this state: A person not meeting the above  
1.18 requirements; a person who has been convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil  
1.19 rights; a person under guardianship, 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 2008 general  
1.22 election. The question submitted must be:

2.1 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow local units of government to  
2.2 authorize permanent resident noncitizens to vote in local government elections?"

2.3 Yes .....  
2.4 No ....."