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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-FIFTH  
SESSION

HOUSE FILE No. **2554**

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

March 10, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration

March 11, 2008

By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

March 27, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration

May 7, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 12;  
1.3 adding a provision to allow the legislature or presiding officers to call a special  
1.4 session.

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 IV, section 12, will read:

1.9 Sec. 12. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government in regular session in each  
1.10 biennium at the times prescribed by law for not exceeding a total of 120 legislative days.  
1.11 The legislature shall not meet in regular session, nor in any adjournment thereof, after the  
1.12 first Monday following the third Saturday in May of any year. After meeting at a time  
1.13 prescribed by law, the legislature may adjourn to another time. "Legislative day" shall  
1.14 be defined by law. Upon the written agreement of a majority of the members elected to  
1.15 the house of representatives and a majority of the members elected to the senate or upon  
1.16 the order of the presiding officers of both houses, the legislature shall convene in special  
1.17 session. Any bill may be considered whose subject is stated in the agreement or order that  
1.18 convened the special session. A special session called by the legislature may not exceed  
1.19 seven legislative days. A bill may be passed on the day prescribed for adjournment of the  
1.20 special session. A special session of the legislature may also be called by the governor on  
1.21 extraordinary occasions.

1.22 Neither house during a session of the legislature shall adjourn for more than three  
1.23 days (Sundays excepted) nor to any other place than that in which the two houses shall be  
1.24 assembled without the consent of the other house.

