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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, section 1;
1.3 providing for the education of young children through age five.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

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

1.8 Section 1. The stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon
1.9 the intelligence of the people, it is the duty of the legislature to provide for the education
1.10 of young children through age five and to establish a general and uniform system of
1.11 public schools. The legislature shall make such provisions by taxation or otherwise as
1.12 will secure early childhood development and education and a thorough and efficient
1.13 system of public schools throughout the state.

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

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

1.17 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require the state to provide for
1.18 early childhood education?

1.19 Yes
1.20 No"