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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VII, by adding a
1.3 section; providing for certain officers to be elected by a majority of the votes cast
1.4 at the general election for the office.

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, article VII, by adding a section, is
1.8 proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, the new section will read:

1.9 Sec. 10. The legislature shall provide by law for a mechanism that ensures that in order
1.10 to be elected to any single member district office, an executive officer, judge, senator, or
1.11 representative must receive a majority of the votes cast at the general election for the
1.12 office sought.

1.13 Sec. 2. **SCHEDULE AND QUESTION.**

1.14 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2010 general
1.15 election. The question submitted shall be:

1.16 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require that an executive officer,
1.17 judge, or legislator must be elected by a majority of the votes cast at the general election
1.18 for the office sought?

1.19 Yes
1.20 No"