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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

A bill for an act

relating to the legislature; placing limits on consecutive terms of office of the governor and of legislators; proposing amendments to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4, and article V, section 2.

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

Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.**

An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, article IV, section 4, will read:

Sec. 4. Representatives shall be chosen for a term of two years, except to fill a vacancy. Senators shall be chosen for a term of four years, except to fill a vacancy and except there shall be an entire new election of all the senators at the first election of representatives after each new legislative apportionment provided for in this article. No person may file to be a candidate for election to a term in the house of representatives or senate that, if served, would cause the person to serve more than 12 consecutive years in the legislature. The governor shall call elections to fill vacancies in either house of the legislature.

article V, section 2, will read:

Sec. 2. The term of office for the governor and lieutenant governor is four years and until a successor is chosen and qualified. Each shall have attained the age of 25 years and, shall have been a bona fide resident of the state for one year next preceding his election, and shall be a citizen of the United States. No person may file to be a candidate for election to a term as governor that, if served, would cause the person to serve more than 12 consecutive years as governor.

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

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

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that no person may serve more than 12 consecutive years as governor, and that no person may serve more than 12 consecutive years in the legislature, effective for candidates at the general election in 2012 and thereafter, and counting years of service before and after 2012?

Yes .....

No ....."