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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 541

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VII, section 1;
1.3 allowing owners of agricultural land, real property that is both nonhomesteaded
1.4 and noncommercial, or small business property to vote on levy or bond referendums
1.5 where the property is located.

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

1.7 Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

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

1.10 Section 1. Every person 18 years of age or more who has been a citizen of the United
1.11 States for three months and who has resided in the precinct for 30 days next preceding an
1.12 election shall be entitled to vote in that precinct. In addition, every person 18 years of age
1.13 or more who has been a citizen of the United States and resident of this state for three months
1.14 and who is the owner of nonhomesteaded agricultural land, real property that is both
1.15 nonhomesteaded and noncommercial, or commercial or industrial real property on which
1.16 the owner conducts a small business as defined by law may vote in the precinct where the
1.17 real property is located on any question concerning a local levy or bond referendum. The
1.18 place of voting by one otherwise qualified who has changed his residence within 30 days
1.19 preceding the election shall be prescribed by law. The following persons shall not be entitled
1.20 or permitted to vote at any election in this state: A person not meeting the above requirements;
1.21 a person who has been convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil rights; a person
1.22 under guardianship, or a person who is insane or not mentally competent.

2.1 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.

2.2 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2022 general election.

2.3 The question submitted must be:

2.4 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow a person who owns certain land
2.5 in a precinct but is not a resident of the precinct to vote on local levy or bond referendums
2.6 in the precinct where the land is located?

2.7 Yes

2.8 No"