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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; providing term limits for state legislators; proposing an
1.3 amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 6.

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 IV, section 6, will read:

1.8 Sec. 6. Senators and representatives shall be qualified voters of the state, and shall
1.9 have resided one year in the state and six months immediately preceding the election in
1.10 the district from which elected. A person may not be elected more than three times to the
1.11 office of senator or five times to the office of representative. Each house shall be the judge
1.12 of the election returns and eligibility of its own members. The legislature shall prescribe
1.13 by law the manner for taking evidence in cases of contested seats in either house.

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 place limits on the number of
1.18 terms of office of state legislators?

1.19 Yes
1.20 No"

1.21 Elections before 2008 must be disregarded in determining the limits imposed by
1.22 the amendment.