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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; affirming the  
1.3 sovereignty of Minnesota citizens.

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, a section shall be added to article I, to read:

1.8 Sec. 18. Citizens of Minnesota are sovereign individuals, subject to Minnesota law  
1.9 and immune from any federal laws that exceed the federal government's enumerated  
1.10 constitutional powers. A federal law does not apply in Minnesota unless that law is  
1.11 approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house of the legislature and is  
1.12 signed by the governor. Before voting to approve a federal law, each legislator must  
1.13 individually affirm that the legislator has read the federal law and understands it. Citizens  
1.14 of Minnesota enjoy inherent, natural, God-given rights as reflected in the Bill of Rights  
1.15 of the United States Constitution and the Minnesota Constitution. Minnesota citizens  
1.16 have the right to seek redress for any alleged violation of these rights committed by the  
1.17 state of Minnesota exclusively through a jury trial in a Minnesota court and through  
1.18 enactment of a change in Minnesota law.

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

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

1.22 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to affirm the sovereignty of  
1.23 Minnesota citizens by requiring two-thirds legislative approval before a federal law

2.1 becomes effective in Minnesota, and by ensuring the right of citizens to seek redress for  
 2.2 any alleged violation of constitutional rights?

2.3 Yes .....

2.4 No ....."