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EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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A bill for an act

proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to article XI; providing continuing appropriations for the operation of state government under certain conditions.

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

Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, a section shall be added to article XI, to read:

Sec. 16. If an appropriation of a specific amount for a specific fiscal year, commonly known as a direct appropriation, is not amended, superseded, or eliminated by a law enacted by the legislature before July 1 of an odd-numbered year, the appropriation continues in the next and subsequent fiscal years until amended, superseded, or eliminated by a law enacted by the legislature. An appropriation that is designated as onetime or is onetime in nature is eliminated by law at the end of the fiscal year or biennium for which it was made.

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

The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2012 general election. The question submitted must be:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide for continuing appropriations in the event any of the major budget bills is not enacted before July 1 of an odd-numbered year?

Yes .....

No ....."