A bill for an act

relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article V, sections 1, 2, 5; abolishing the office of lieutenant governor.

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 V, section 1, will read:

Section 1. The executive department consists of a governor, ~~lieutenant governor,~~ secretary of state, auditor, and attorney general, who shall be chosen by the electors of the state. ~~The governor and lieutenant governor shall be chosen jointly by a single vote applying to both offices in a manner prescribed by law.~~

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~~ The governor 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.

article V, section 5, will read:

Sec. 5. In case a vacancy occurs from any cause whatever in the office of governor, the ~~lieutenant governor~~ secretary of state shall be governor during such vacancy. ~~The compensation of the lieutenant governor shall be prescribed by law.~~ The last elected presiding officer of the senate shall become ~~lieutenant~~ governor in case a vacancy occurs in ~~that office~~ the offices of governor and secretary of state. In case the governor

is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his or her office, the same devolves on the ~~lieutenant governor~~ secretary of state. The legislature may provide by law for the case of the removal, death, resignation, or inability both of the governor and ~~lieutenant governor~~ secretary of state to discharge the duties of governor and may provide by law for continuity of government in periods of emergency resulting from disasters caused by enemy attack in this state, including, but not limited to, succession to the powers and duties of public office and change of the seat of government.

Sec. 2. **SCHEDULE AND QUESTION.**

The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at the 2008 general election and, if approved, shall take effect on the first Monday in January 2011. The question submitted shall be:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to abolish the office of lieutenant governor on the first Monday in January 2011?

Yes .....
No ....."