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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1591

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota
1.3 Constitution, article IV, section 17; strengthening the single subject requirement
1.4 for legislative enactments.

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

1.6 Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

1.7 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment
1.8 is adopted, article IV, section 17, will read:

1.9 Sec. 17. No law shall embrace more than one subject, which shall be expressed in its
1.10 title. The title of a bill must not be amended after the bill is introduced in the legislature
1.11 unless the title is amended to reflect changes to the bill that further limit the scope of the
1.12 bill. If the supreme court deems a bill constituting a portion of the state biennial budget
1.13 unconstitutional for violating this section, funding for the affected portion of state government
1.14 is available at 95 percent of the previous biennium's funding level until the subsequent law
1.15 is enacted to fund the affected portion of state government.

1.16 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.

1.17 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2024 general election.
1.18 The question submitted must be:

1.19 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to strengthen the requirement that enacted
1.20 laws contain only one subject?"

1.21 Yes
1.22 No "