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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4737

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, sections 2 and
1.3 3; changing the composition apportionment of legislative districts; making
1.4 conforming statutory changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 2.021;
1.5 2.031.

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

1.7 ARTICLE 1
1.8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1.9 Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

1.10 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment
1.11 is adopted, article IV, section 2, will read:

1.12 Sec. 2. The number of members who compose the senate and house of representatives
1.13 shall be prescribed by law. The representation in ~~both houses~~ the house of representatives
1.14 shall be apportioned equally throughout the different sections of the state in proportion to
1.15 the population thereof. The representation of the senate shall be apportioned equally by
1.16 county.

1.17 article IV, section 3, will read:

1.18 Sec. 3. At its first session after each enumeration of the inhabitants of this state made
1.19 by the authority of the United States, the legislature shall have the power to prescribe the
1.20 bounds of congressional and legislative districts. Senators shall be chosen by single districts
1.21 ~~of convenient contiguous territory~~ created in each of the counties of the state. No
1.22 ~~representative district shall be divided in the formation of a senate district.~~ The senate
1.23 districts shall be numbered in a regular series.

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

2.2 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2024 general election.

2.3 The question submitted must be:

2.4 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to create legislative districts as follows:
2.5 a senate district for each territory comprising a county, and the number of house of
2.6 representatives districts prescribed by law apportioned equally throughout the different
2.7 sections of the state in proportion to the population thereof?

2.8 Yes

2.9 No "

2.10 **ARTICLE 2**
2.11 **STATUTORY CHANGES**

2.12 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 2.021, is amended to read:

2.13 **2.021 NUMBER OF MEMBERS.**

2.14 For each legislature, until a new apportionment shall have been made, the senate is
2.15 composed of ~~67~~ 87 members and the house of representatives is composed of 134 members.

2.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 2.031, is amended to read:

2.17 **2.031 APPORTIONMENT.**

2.18 Subdivision 1. **Legislative districts.** The representatives in the senate and house of
2.19 representatives are apportioned throughout the state in ~~67~~ 87 senate districts and 134 house
2.20 of representatives districts. Each senate district is entitled to elect one senator and each
2.21 house of representatives district is entitled to elect one representative.

2.22 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.23 Sections 1 and 2 are effective upon the adoption by the people of the constitutional
2.24 amendment in article 1, section 2.