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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; providing term limits for state legislators and constitutional
1.3 officers; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV,
1.4 section 6; and article V, sections 2 and 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.**

1.7 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the
1.8 amendment is adopted, article IV, section 6, will read:

1.9 Sec. 6. Senators and representatives shall be qualified voters of the state, and shall have
1.10 resided one year in the state and six months immediately preceding the election in the
1.11 district from which elected. A person may not be elected more than six times to the office
1.12 of senator or ten times to the office of representative. Each house shall be the judge of the
1.13 election returns and eligibility of its own members. The legislature shall prescribe by law
1.14 the manner for taking evidence in cases of contested seats in either house.

1.15 article V, section 2, will read:

1.16 Sec. 2. The term of office for the governor and lieutenant governor is four years and
1.17 until a successor is chosen and qualified. Each shall have attained the age of 25 years and,
1.18 shall have been a bona fide resident of the state for one year next preceding his election,
1.19 and shall be a citizen of the United States. A person may not be elected more than twice to
1.20 the office of governor nor more than twice to the office of lieutenant governor.

1.21 article V, section 4, will read:

1.22 Sec. 4. The term of office of the secretary of state, attorney general and state auditor is
1.23 four years and until a successor is chosen and qualified. A person may not be elected more

2.1 than twice to the office of secretary of state, attorney general, or state auditor. The duties
2.2 and salaries of the executive officers shall be prescribed by law.

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

2.4 (a) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2016 general
2.5 election. The question submitted must be:

2.6 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to place limits on the number of
2.7 terms of office that state legislators and constitutional officers may serve beginning with
2.8 elections to those offices in 2016?

2.9 Yes
2.10 No"

2.11 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1, the title
2.12 for the question submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be "A constitutional
2.13 amendment to limit the terms of state elected officials."

2.14 **Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY.**

2.15 Elections prior to the 2016 general election must be disregarded in determining the
2.16 limits imposed by the amendment in this act.