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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform,
Technology and Elections

February 22, 2010

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 12;
1.3 adding a provision to allow legislators to call a special session.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

1.6 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the
1.7 amendment is adopted, article IV, section 12, will read:

1.8 Sec. 12. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government in regular session in each
1.9 biennium at the times prescribed by law for not exceeding a total of 120 legislative days.
1.10 The legislature shall not meet in regular session, nor in any adjournment thereof, after the
1.11 first Monday following the third Saturday in May of any year. After meeting at a time
1.12 prescribed by law, the legislature may adjourn to another time. "Legislative day" shall be
1.13 defined by law. Upon written agreement of the president and majority leader of the senate
1.14 and the speaker and majority leader of the house of representatives and upon approval
1.15 of this agreement by the committee in each house with jurisdiction over its rules, the
1.16 legislature shall convene in special session. Any bill may be considered whose subject
1.17 is stated in the agreement that convened the special session. A special session called
1.18 by legislators may not exceed seven legislative days. A bill may be passed on the day
1.19 prescribed for adjournment of the special session. A special session of the legislature may
1.20 be called by the governor on extraordinary occasions.

1.21 Neither house during a session of the legislature shall adjourn for more than three
1.22 days (Sundays excepted) nor to any other place than that in which the two houses shall be
1.23 assembled without the consent of the other house.

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

2.2 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2010 general
2.3 election. The question submitted must be:

2.4 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require the legislature to meet in
2.5 special session for up to seven days upon the agreement of the president and majority
2.6 leader of the senate and the speaker and majority leader of the house of representatives
2.7 and upon approval of this agreement by the committee in each house with jurisdiction
2.8 over its rules?

2.9 Yes

2.10 No "