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State of Minnesota HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4985

03/18/2024 Authored by Wiener, Novotny, Dotseth, Engen, Bliss and others 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 elections; providing term limits for governor and lieutenant governor;
1.3 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article V, section 2.

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 amendment
1.7 is adopted, article V, section 2, will read:

1.8 Sec. 2. The term of office for the governor and lieutenant governor is four years and
1.9 until a successor is chosen and qualified. Each shall have attained the age of 25 years and,
1.10 shall have been a bona fide resident of the state for one year next preceding his election,
1.11 and shall be a citizen of the United States. To limit overreaching power by any political
1.12 party, a person must not be elected more than twice to the office of governor nor more than
1.13 twice to the office of lieutenant governor.

1.14 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.

1.15 (a) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2024 general election.
1.16 The question submitted must be:

1.17 Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to place limits on the number of terms
1.18 of office that the governor and lieutenant governor may serve beginning in 2024 in order
1.19 to limit overreaching power by any political party?

1.20 Yes .....
1.21 No ..... "

2.1 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1, the title for  
2.2 the question submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be "A constitutional  
2.3 amendment to place term limits on the offices of governor and lieutenant governor."

2.4 Sec. 3. **APPLICABILITY.**

2.5 Elections prior to the 2024 general election must be included in determining the limits  
2.6 imposed by the amendment in this act.