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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to
 1.3 article IV; requiring a three-fifths vote to enact a law imposing or increasing
 1.4 certain taxes.

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
 1.8 amendment is adopted, a section must be added to article IV to read:

1.9 Sec. 27. Passage of a law that increases the general rate or expands the taxable base of
 1.10 a state tax on income or sales or that imposes a new tax of statewide applicability requires
 1.11 the vote of three-fifths of the members of each house of the legislature. This section does
 1.12 not apply to a law that increases income or sales tax or imposes a new tax, if the law also
 1.13 decreases taxes and does not, on a permanent basis, increase the total amount of revenues
 1.14 estimated to be raised from state taxes.

1.15 Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

1.16 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2016 general
 1.17 election. The question submitted must be:

1.18 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to prevent the legislature from
 1.19 increasing state income or sales taxes or imposing new state taxes unless approved by a
 1.20 three-fifths (60 percent) vote of both the House of Representatives and the Senate?

1.21 Yes

1.22 No "