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A bill for an act

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proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4;

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providing for staggered terms for senators.

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

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Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

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An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment

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is adopted, article IV, section 4, will read:

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Sec. 4. Representatives shall be chosen for a term of two years, except to fill a vacancy.

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Senators shall be chosen for a term of four years, except to fill a vacancy and except there

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shall be an entire new election of all the senators at the first election of representatives after

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each new legislative apportionment provided for in this article. At the first election after a

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new legislative apportionment, each senator elected from an even-numbered district must

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serve a two-year term. At the last election before a new legislative apportionment, each

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senator elected from an odd-numbered district must serve a two-year term. The governor

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shall call elections to fill vacancies in either house of the legislature.

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

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The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at the 2026 general election.

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The question submitted must be:

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"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide for staggered terms of office

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for state senators?

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Yes

No"