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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 3994

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

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 the legislature or presiding officers to call a special
1.4 session.

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 amendment
1.8 is adopted, article IV, section 12, will read:

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

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

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

2.5 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2020 general election.

2.6 The question submitted must be:

2.7 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require the legislature to meet in special
 2.8 session for up to seven days upon a request by the president and majority leader of the senate
 2.9 and the speaker and majority leader of the house of representatives, with a majority vote of
 2.10 the committee with jurisdiction over legislative rules in each house?"

2.11 Yes

2.12 No "