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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4494

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to
1.3 article I; establishing rights of a parent in the education of their child.

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, a section shall be added to article I, to read:

1.8 Sec. 18. The liberty of a parent to direct the education of their child is fundamental and
1.9 includes the right to choose, as an alternative to public education, a private, religious, or
1.10 home school, and the right to make reasonable choices within a public school for their child.
1.11 The state must not infringe these rights.

1.12 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.

1.13 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2020 general election.
1.14 The question submitted must be:

1.15 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that the liberty of a parent to
1.16 direct the education of their child is fundamental and includes the right to choose, as an
1.17 alternative to public education, a private, religious, or home school, and the right to make
1.18 reasonable choices within a public school for their child, and that the state must not infringe
1.19 these rights?"

1.20 Yes
1.21 No "